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FOREWORD

As the result of a geography assignment in the sixth grade in March 1936, I became interested in tracing my family history. The assignment was to ask our parents what country or countries our ancestors came from and if possible the names of the villages in those countries from which they emigrated. As descendants of families which had been in America between two hundred and three hundred years, my parents could not answer my questions to my satisfaction. I was determined to learn more, and the quest has never ended.

My mother told me at that time that her family were Yankees from New England. She also said that her grandmother, Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson, had told her that her ancestors came on the *Mayflower*, and that there was a book in the parlor of her father's home in South Butler, New York, which contained information on the family. On my next visit to see my Grandfather Wilson, I headed for the parlor and found the book, *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York.* In Part III, entitled *Family Sketches*, I found a write-up on my great-grandfather, George R. Wilson, and learned that his parents were Riley and Belinda Wilson. My grandfather could offer nothing further.

Later I visited the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler looking for my ancestors' stones. I found one for Nabby, wife of William Wilson, who died in 1871 at the age of 90. She was buried near Sarah (Wilson) Taylor, sister to Riley Wilson, and it was known in the family that Aunt Sally Taylor brought up my great-grandfather. Thus I thought that Nabby must be Aunt Sally's mother. My grandfather did not know, but not long after I found that she was the mother of Sarah and Riley. I soon found that William Wilson had died in the War of 1812. Records had been preserved among various members of the family, but none of these records found in the early years of my search indicated the true origin of William Wilson. The only definite fact recorded was that the family had come to New York State from Canaan, Connecticut. A search of Canaan records revealed that William Wilson had lived there but added nothing to my knowledge of his background.

Fortunately his widow obtained a pension and in the pension file at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., was a copy of William's enlistment paper which gave the place of his birth as Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts. A check of the printed Taunton vital records revealed that a William Wilson, son of a "Capt. Wilson," was baptized in the Taunton Congregational Church in 1781. The late W. Herbert Wood, Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, was interested in this family and searched the records at Taunton for me. He came to the conclusion that "Capt. Wilson" must be the same person as John Wilson, mariner, of Taunton and that John undoubtedly was the father of William Wilson, but he could not prove it.

Although Mr. Wood had searched the records at Taunton at various times, I engaged Mr. Francis Richmond Sears, a lawyer and professional genealogist of Swansea, Massachusetts, to undertake a search. Mr. Sears searched court records, which had not been examined before, but found nothing. He did find a deed indicating John

Wilson had a second wife. Otherwise the search was fruitless. Later I went to Taunton on two different occasions and covered the records for all early Wilsons in Bristol County. Many interesting facts were found but nothing to prove the parentage and ancestry of William Wilson.

Since William Wilson was born in Taunton about 1777, the records for the period 1770 to 1800 were exhaustively covered. The published vital records of Taunton show that William, Clarissa and Elizabeth Wilson, children of Captain Wilson, were baptized 9 March 1781, in the First Congregational Church at Taunton; and that the wife of John Wilson died on 14 November 1784. The deeds of Bristol County revealed John Wilson, mariner, of Taunton as the only Wilson owning land in Taunton between 1778 and 1790. Only one other Wilson was found in Taunton in the period 1770 to 1790. On 27 May 1777, Ebenezer Wilson, saddler, bought land in Taunton which he sold 10 July 1777. He was undoubtedly the Ebenezer Wilson of Swansea, Massachusetts. No further record was found in Bristol County for this man. Revolutionary War records showed service for John Wilson, mariner, of Taunton 1777-1781. In March 1781, John Wilson's age was given as forty years. In the 1790 Federal Census no Wilsons were listed in Taunton, but John Wilson was enumerated in the adjoining Town of Dighton.

From the above records it seemed likely that the William Wilson, baptized in 1781, was my William, and that the father, "Capt. Wilson," was John Wilson the mariner. The reasons for these conclusions were as follows: The baptismal date of 1781 was most suitable for a child born about 1777, but then the one question remained whether Captain Wilson and John Wilson the mariner were identical. It seemed odd he should be called captain only the once in the church records in 1781 and plain mariner in a deed in 1781, just about the time he was serving as a private in the army. However, mariners were often loosely referred to as captain, and since no other Wilson appeared in Taunton records at this time and since John was a seaman, there seemed to be no other solution but that the captain and John Wilson the mariner were identical. Although proof was lacking, the circumstantial evidence presented above lead me to the conclusion that John Wilson, mariner, of Taunton was probably the father of William.

In 1964, my cousin, Mrs. Thelma (Shepard) Kuhl of Skaneateles, New York, great-granddaughter of Eliza[3] (Wilson) Shepard and thus great-great-granddaughter of William[2] Wilson, found among the family papers in the Shepard homestead where she lived an old envelope marked – "Genealogy of/ Grand Mother Wilsons family." In this envelope were two records of the Wilson family history. These invaluable documents relate the history of the Wilson family in this country and state that William Wilson was the son of John Wilson, mariner, of Taunton, Massachusetts, who had come to New England from Scotland. Thus after twenty-eight years, I was able to prove my Wilson line back to the immigrant. Mrs. Kuhl very kindly gave these documents to me in August 1964.

These Wilson family records state that John Wilson came from Scotland, was supposedly the son of a Joseph Wilson, and left in Scotland a twin sister. A Revolutionary War record dated March 1781 says that John Wilson was 40 years old;

and Gold's *Historical Records of the Town of Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut* says that John Wilson came from Perth, Scotland. From these records we learn that John Wilson was born about 1740 in the County of Perth, also called Perthshire, Scotland, and had a twin sister. A check of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) for Scotland revealed a John Wilson baptized 12 October 1740, in the parish of Dull in Perthshire, son of John and Elspet (McKenzie) Wilson. A check of the parish register for Dull revealed that John had a twin sister Janet baptized with him. These facts, except for the name of the father, fit what we know about our John. I hired Robert A. Fenwick, a genealogist of Perth, Scotland, to undertake a search of records there. Not much was found, but it does appear that John Wilson came from the parish of Dull in Perthshire. Details will appear later in this work.

So after 67 years of research, I present here a history of our Wilson family. I hope others find this compilation of interest and value now and in the years to come.

Syracuse, New York - *Gerald James Parsons*
June 2003

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The compiling of a genealogy is a long and arduous task requiring years of research and the help and assistance of many individuals. Very seldom can one achieve his or her goal, whatever it may be, alone. Over the past sixty-seven years I have received so much assistance from so many people that it is impossible to list each person, but to all relatives, friends, genealogists, librarians, archivists and public officials who assisted me in person and/or by letter I shall be ever grateful. However, I do want to list those whose knowledge and assistance provided me with various pieces of data which enabled me to trace the history of this Wilson family.

Mrs. VALERIA ANN (WILSON) PARSONS (1895-1967), Clyde, New York (my mother, who knew all four of her grandparents, related to me many family stories and details of family relationships, and stimulated my desire to search for my ancestors).

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Miss ABBIE R. SHEPARD (1878-1957), Skaneateles, New York (who was interested in family history, and in 1939 supplied me with a copy of the Stevens-Brown-Wilson Family Tree covering many generations and started by her father in 1912).

Mrs. THELMA (SHEPARD) KUHL (1904-1992), Skaneateles, New York (who found the Wilson Family Records in her home and gave them to me and contributed much data on the Shepards).

EDITORIAL MATTERS

ABBREVIATIONS, ETC.:

Some 18th, 19th and 20th century documents are quoted or given in full in this work. If given in full, they have been copied as written. If quoted, some odd spellings have been indicated by [*sic*], and some punctuation has been added in brackets. As grammar as we know it was not perfected at that time, and as spelling was not standardized until the 19th century, punctuation, if any, was haphazard and unusual or odd phonetic spellings were common. To place [*sic*] after every "misspelled" word would clog the text, so I have used it selectively. There are those who believe that abbreviations should be written out and spelling corrected, but I was taught to render a copy as close to the original as possible. Thus I have followed that tenet. Once one knows that y, called a thorn, stands for th (y^e = the), such abbreviations are easily read. An age given as 60-1-10 means 60 years, 1 month and 10 days.

Following are the common abbreviations to be found in the 18th century documents quoted in this volume:

s^d - said

y^e - the

The following abbreviations also appear in this work:

ae.	- age or aged	int.	- intentions
b.	- born	m.	- married
bp./bapt.	- baptized	n.d.	- no date
bur.	- buried	n.i.	- no issue
Cem.	- cemetery	n.p.	- no place
d.	- died	res.	- residence or resided
d.y.	- died young	unm.	- unmarried
g.s.	- gravestone	VRs	- vital records

TOWN VS. TOWNSHIP:

By law the civil divisions of counties in New York State are called towns, not townships, and cities. Thus in New York State, as well as in New England, a town is not a village but is a political entity which is smaller than a county but larger than a village and many cities. Since what is called a town in New York is called a township in some states, some people use the latter term. This is not good usage and is legally incorrect. A town can contain one or more incorporated villages, unincorporated villages and/or hamlets. If a person was born, married or died in the country, then that event occurred in a town. Consequently, if it is stated in this genealogy that an individual was born, married or died in the Town of Blank, it means that he or she was born, married or died on a farm or at a place in the country or possibly in a hamlet and not in an incorporated village.

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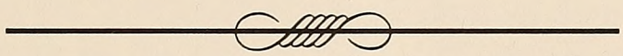

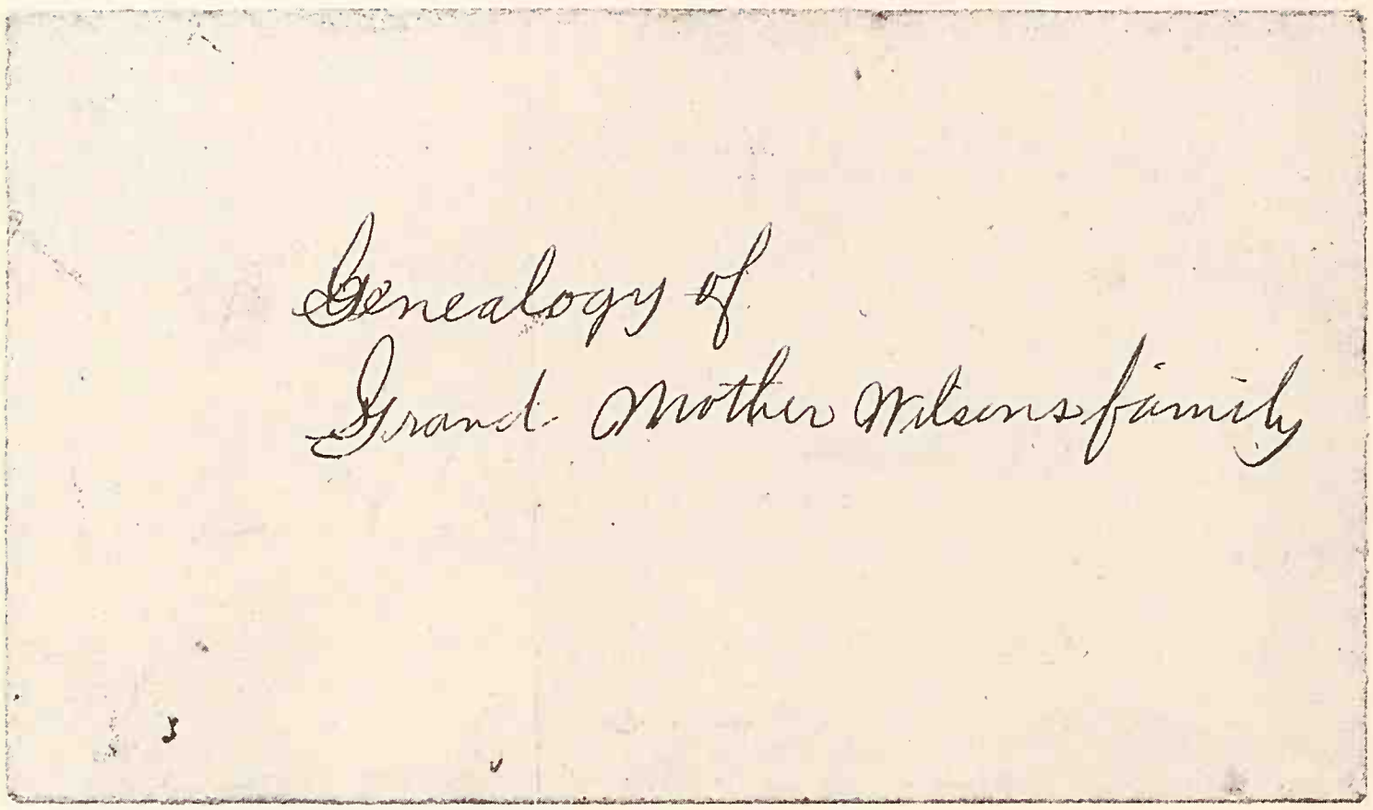

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As related in the Foreword, the compiler has in his possession two old documents which record the history of this Wilson family. Without these records the genealogy of this family would not be as complete as it is, and we would never have known from whence the family originated or the name of the immigrant ancestor. For the sake of identification I have given these documents the following titles: Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; and Wilson Family Record No. 2.

WILSON FAMILY RECORD NO. 1: "HISTORY BY AUNT SALLY": This document is entitled "History by Aunt Sally" and is in the handwriting of Norman Orlando Shepard (1847-1920), son of Eliza[3] (Wilson) Shepard (1808-1882). It is written in pencil on both sides of two pages cut from an old ledger and relates not only the history of the Wilson family but the histories of the Brown and Stevens families as well. The fact that it is inscribed "History by Aunt Sally" indicates that the account was narrated by Sarah[3] (Wilson) Taylor (1812-1887), daughter of William[2] Wilson. It can be dated as having been written about December 1883, for the youngest descendants listed in the pedigree charts, except one, were born in 1883, viz., Bertha V. Taylor, 4 April 1883; Florence E. Wilson, 25 May 1883; and the third child of Nora (Monroe) Shear (Harry P. Shear), 25 November 1883. The name of the one exception, Martha Westcott, born 1 January 1884, was added later, for after her mother's name is written: "2 dau – Minnie [and] Maude" and then Martha, her third child, is squeezed in after Maude. Thus it appears that this document was written between 25 November 1883 and 1 January 1884. Eliza (Wilson) Shepard died in 1882; and it seems likely that the next year her son, while visiting his Aunt Sally, the last living member of her generation, asked his aunt the family history and wrote it down as she told it to him. Following is a copy slightly edited for greater clarity:

[page 1]

Jo[s] Wilson lived and died
in Scotland

2 children { John
1 daughter don't remember name

John { went to sea and died there
had two wifes [*sic*] and

5 children { William m Abbie Brown
by 1st wife Polly m Nathaniel Post [*sic*]
Betsy " don't know
Nancy " " "
Clarissa " " "

2 Children by { John
2nd wife and daughter unknown

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at On[on]daga Hollow said to resemble me
who I thought might be John half brother of
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William Wilson enlisted in the war
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sacketts [*sic*] Harbor and was buried
there. think he died 22nd Aug 1813. his
widow drew 3½ dollars per month.
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smitten with yellow fever and died together
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one man. William Wilson
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"Continued on the other side"

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. . .
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name of Keff who was going to Scotland
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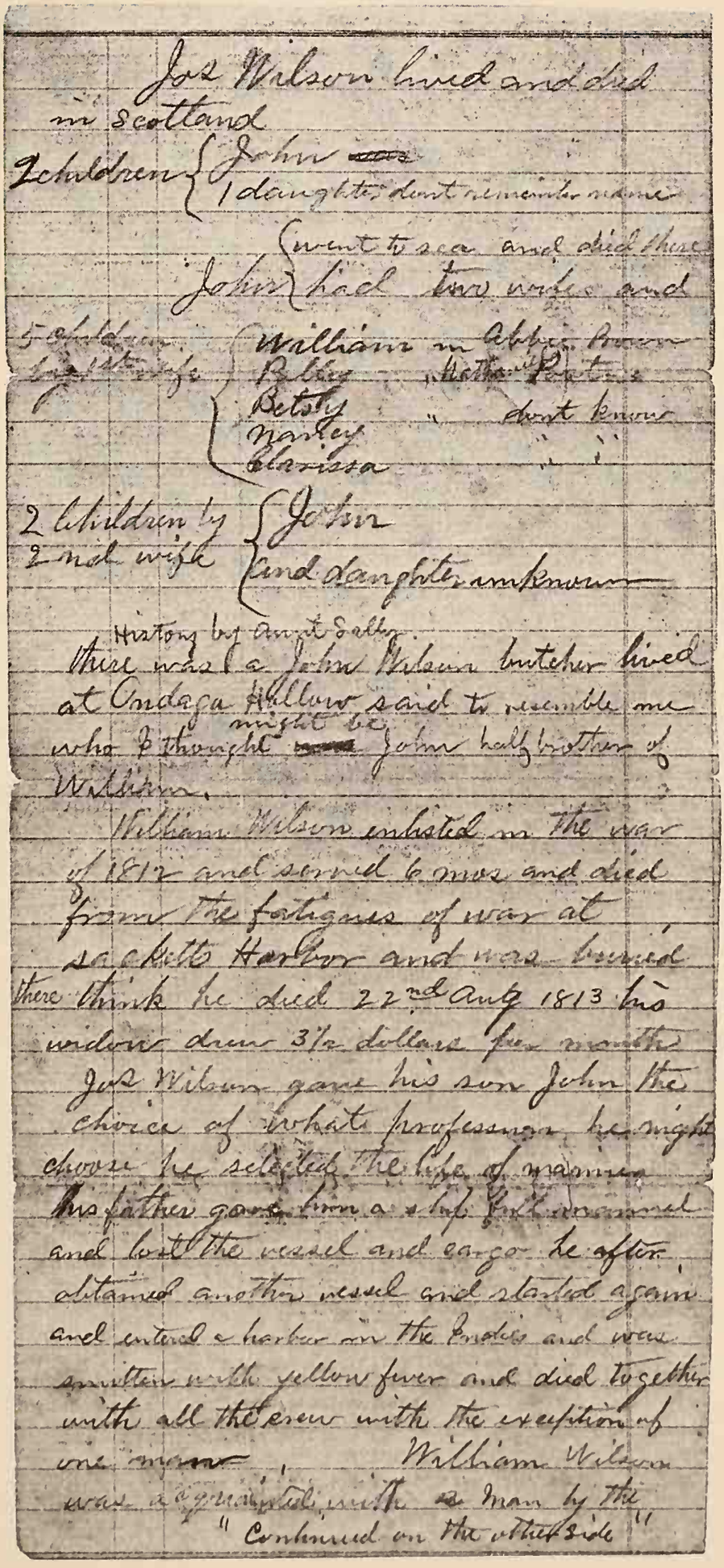
the night before they intended to start.
. . .
Abbie Brown m William Wilson
Rila [*sic*] married Belinda Adams
3 Chil.{ Eliza " I N Shepard
Sally " D J Taylor
. . .
[Intersperesed on this page are the charts of the
Stevens and Brown families.]

[page 3]

Rila [*sic*] Wilson m { Belinda Adams 1st wife
Anna Mosman 2nd wife

1 Son George by 1st wife
2 daughters { Ann Eliza
by 2nd wife Belinda

George Wilson m Mary Ann Gorham
Gorham m Carrie Newton 1 dau Florence
3 sons{ Rila [*sic*] m Valeria Farrend (Farrand)
1 dt Addie
George



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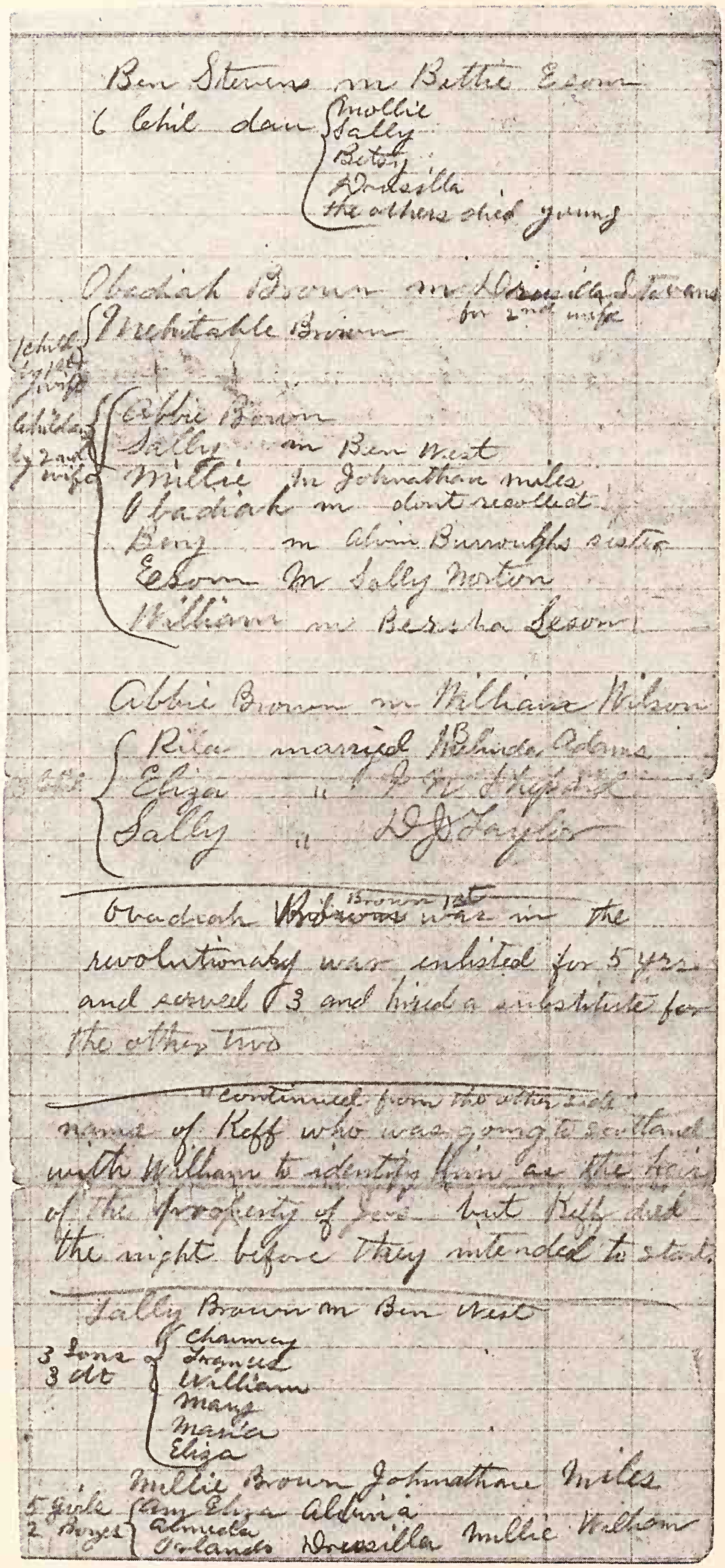

Ben Stevens m Bettie Esom
6 Chil dau { Mollie
Sally
Betsy
Drusilla
the others died young }

Obadiah Brown m Drusilla Stevens
for 2nd wife
1 child by 1st wife { Mehitable Brown

Children by 2nd wife { Abbie Brown
Sally m Ben West
Millie m Johnathan Miles
Obadiah m dont recollect
Benj m Alvin Burroughs sister
Esom m Sally Norton
William m Bersheba Lesom }

Abbie Brown m William Wilson
Chil { Rila married Belinda Adams
Eliza " J. P. W. Kilpatrick
Sally " D J Taylor }

Obadiah ~~Wilson~~ Brown Sr was in the revolutionary war enlisted for 5 yrs. and served 3 and hired a substitute for the other two

"continued from the other side"
name of Keff who was going to Scotland with William to identify him as the heir of the property of Jeo but Keff died the night before they intended to start.

Sally Brown m Ben West
3 Sons 3 dt { Chauncy
Francis
William
Mary
Maria
Eliza }

Millie Brown Johnathan Miles
5 girls 2 boys { Amy Eliza Albina
Almeda
Orlando Drusilla Millie William }

[page 4]

Sally Wilson m D J Taylor

5 dau { Clarissa
Eliza
John
Sarah
Fanny
2 Sons { Wilmer
Abbie

[Following this are the marriages and children of Sally's children.]

WILSON FAMILY RECORD NO. 2: This document is written in pencil on both sides of a small sheet of paper and would appear to date from the latter years of the nineteenth century, certainly not earlier. The writer was apparently Orissa North whose name is inscribed at the end. Although this name is written by the same hand, the color of the lead appears to be different from the rest of the document.

Orissa North (1848-1928) was not a descendant of the Wilson family but was related to both the Shepard and Taylor families. She was the daughter of John and Sebel W. (Campbell) North, both of whom died in the year 1892 in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York. Mr. North was born in Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, in 1809, the son of Joseph and Molly (Shepard) North, and was a first cousin to Isaac N. Shepard, husband of Eliza[3] Wilson.[1] Sebel W. Campbell was born in Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York, in 1812, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Corwin) Campbell, and was a first cousin to David J. Taylor, son of John and Fanny (Corwin) Taylor, and husband of Sarah/Sally[3] Wilson.[2] Thus Orissa North was a second cousin to the Shepard and Taylor grandchildren of William[2] Wilson.

Miss North lived with her parents on a farm in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, and a sketch of her appears in *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, New York, 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 85. This says in part: "Miss North was educated at Wolcott Academy and elsewhere, and is a lady of much ability and refinement." The North farm was only a short distance from the farm of David J. and Sarah (Wilson) Taylor, where lived Nabby (Brown) Wilson (1781-1871), widow of William[2] Wilson. Undoubtedly Miss North had many conversations with Mrs. Nabby Wilson and being an educated lady remembered the details of family history which she later wrote down for her Shepard cousins. The Norths are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, New York.

Following is a copy of this record:

[page 1]

A Scotchman named Wilson came
from Scotland when a young man. He
lost an amount of property on the passage
and never returned to Scotland. He left
~~from Scotland~~ in Scotland only a twin

sister. His ~~father~~ name is supposed
to be John and his father's name Joseph.
He married Mary Highland and settled
in Taunton[,] Mass. Five children. Polly,
Nancy, Betsey, William, Clarissa. Polly
married Nathaniel Peck. Peck (wealthy) lived at
Providence, and Nine Partners, and at
last account lived at Sharon. He had
three Boys and two girls. Thomas, William
&c and Hannah &c. Nancy Hyde lived
in the vicinity of North river. Betsy married
Rogers, and lived at Cornwall near
Sharon, and were a respectable family.
Clarissa married Burt and lived at
Taunton. William married Abigail
Brown and died of fever in the war of 1812.

[page 2]

John Wilson by a second marriage
had one son John. ~~He became~~
The elder John became part
owner of a vessel and went to
some place infected with the
yellow fever, caught it and
died, as did every man on
board but one.

Orissa North

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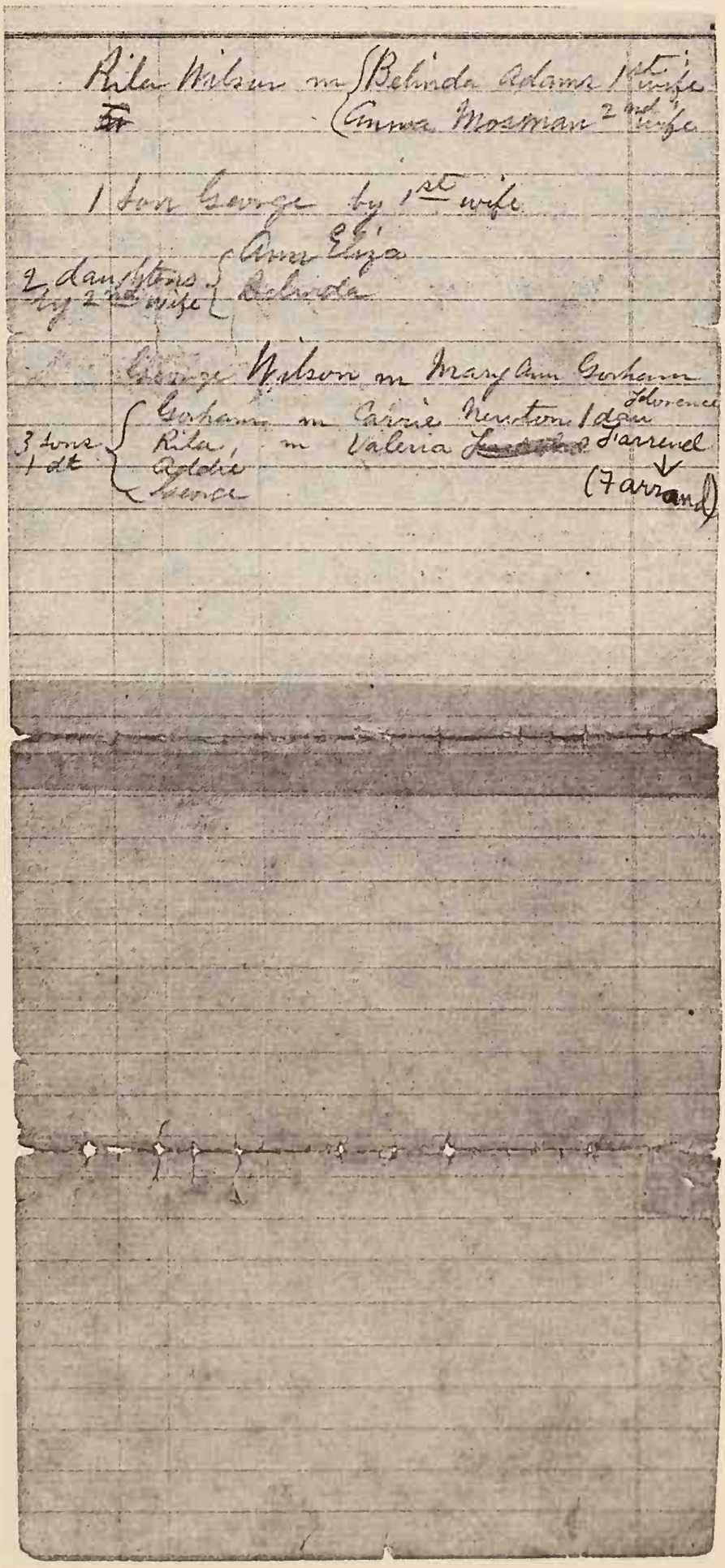

Rita Wilson m { Belinda Adams 1st wife
Emma Mosman 2nd wife

1 son George by 1st wife

2 daughters by 2nd wife { Ann Eliza
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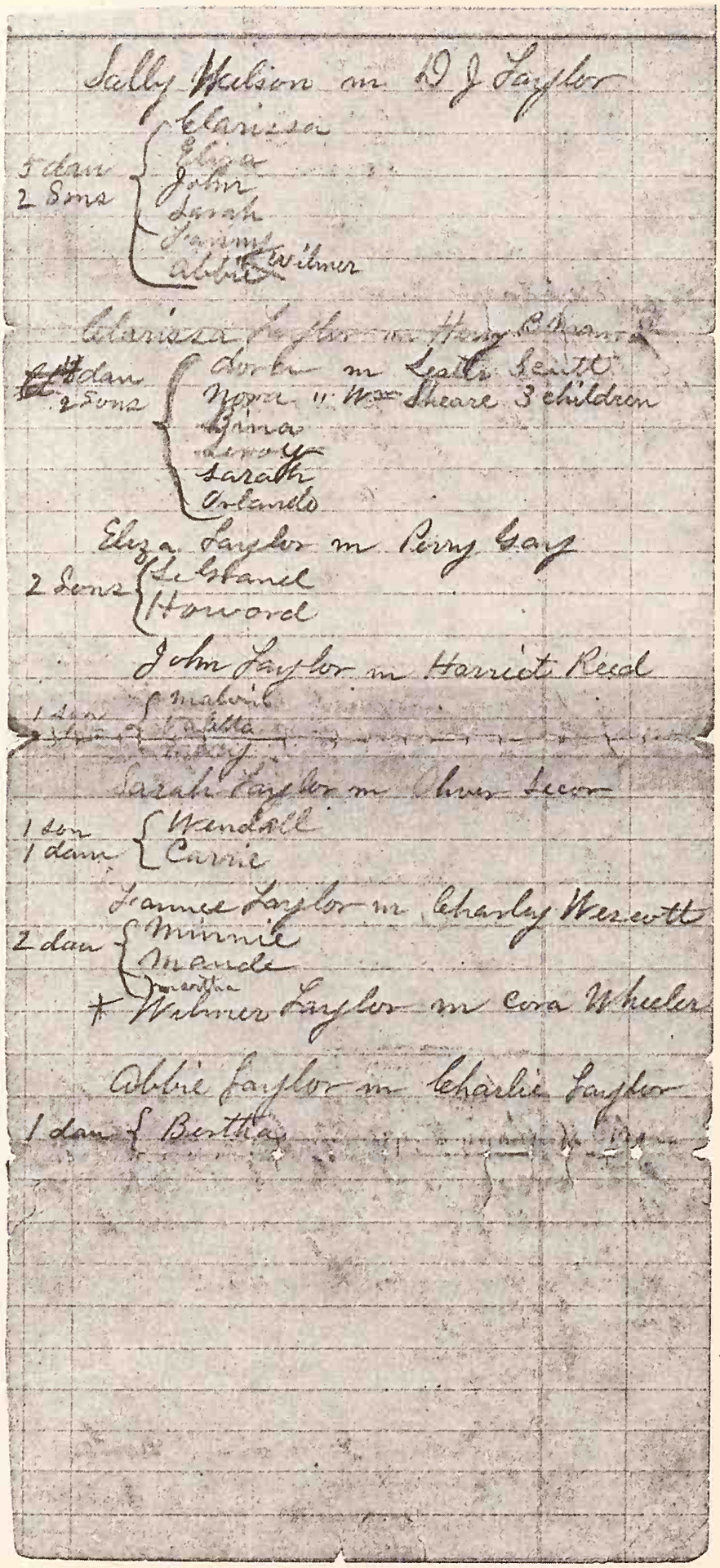
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5 dau
2 Sons
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- Eliza
- John
- Sarah
- Jeriah
- Abbie
- Wilmer

Clarissa Taylor m Henry Chandler

4 dau
2 Sons
- Dora m Leath Smith
- Nora m Wm Shears 3 children
- Gina
- Lucy
- Sarah
- Orlando

Eliza Taylor m Perry Gay

2 Sons
- Nathaniel
- Howard

John Taylor m Harriet Read

1 dau
2 Sons
- Mabel
- Odetta
- Lucy

Sarah Taylor m Chas Lucas

1 son
1 dau
- Randall
- Carrie

Jennie Taylor m Charley Merrett

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- Minnie
- Maude

† Wilmer Taylor m Cora Wheeler

Abbie Taylor m Charlie Taylor

1 dau
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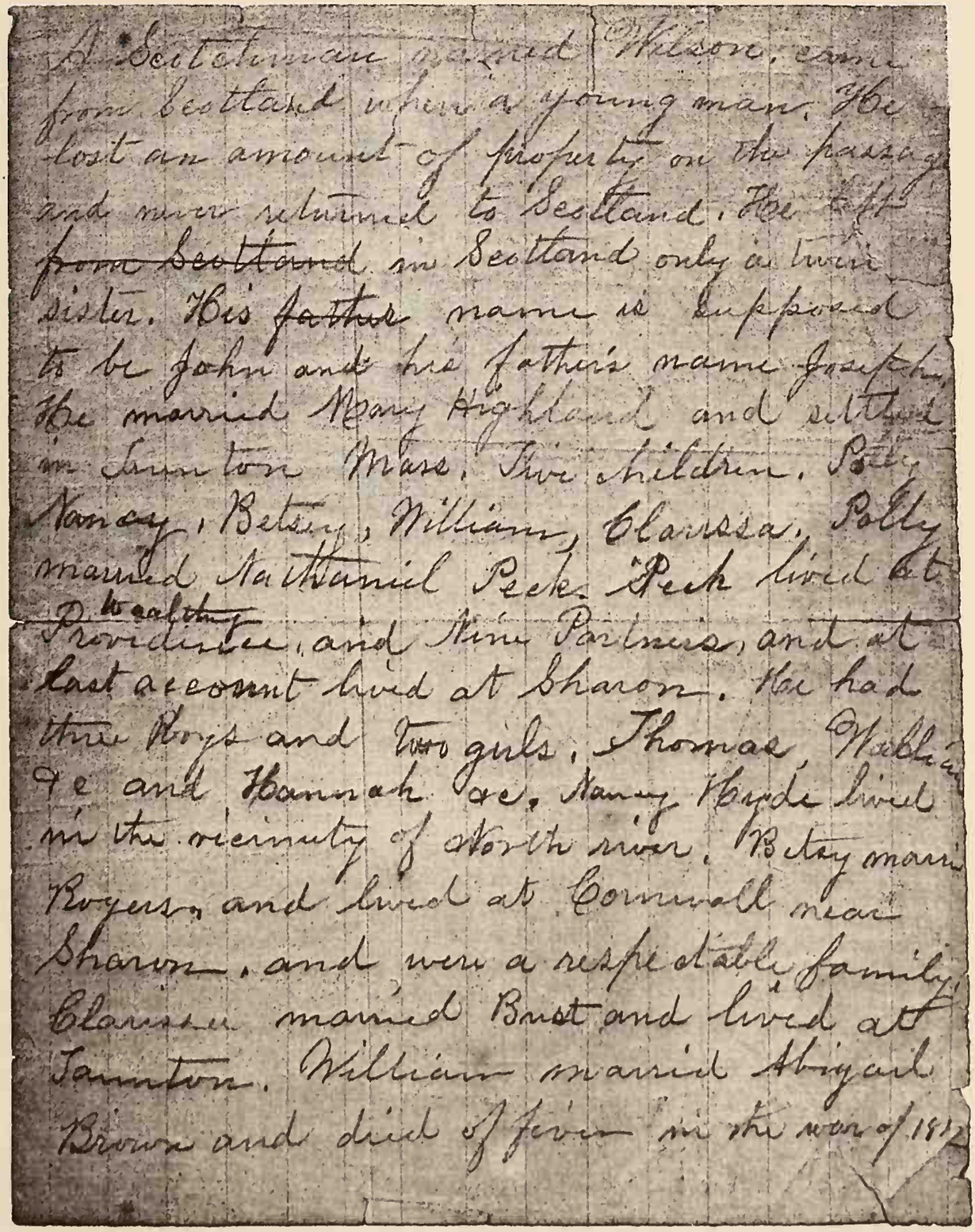
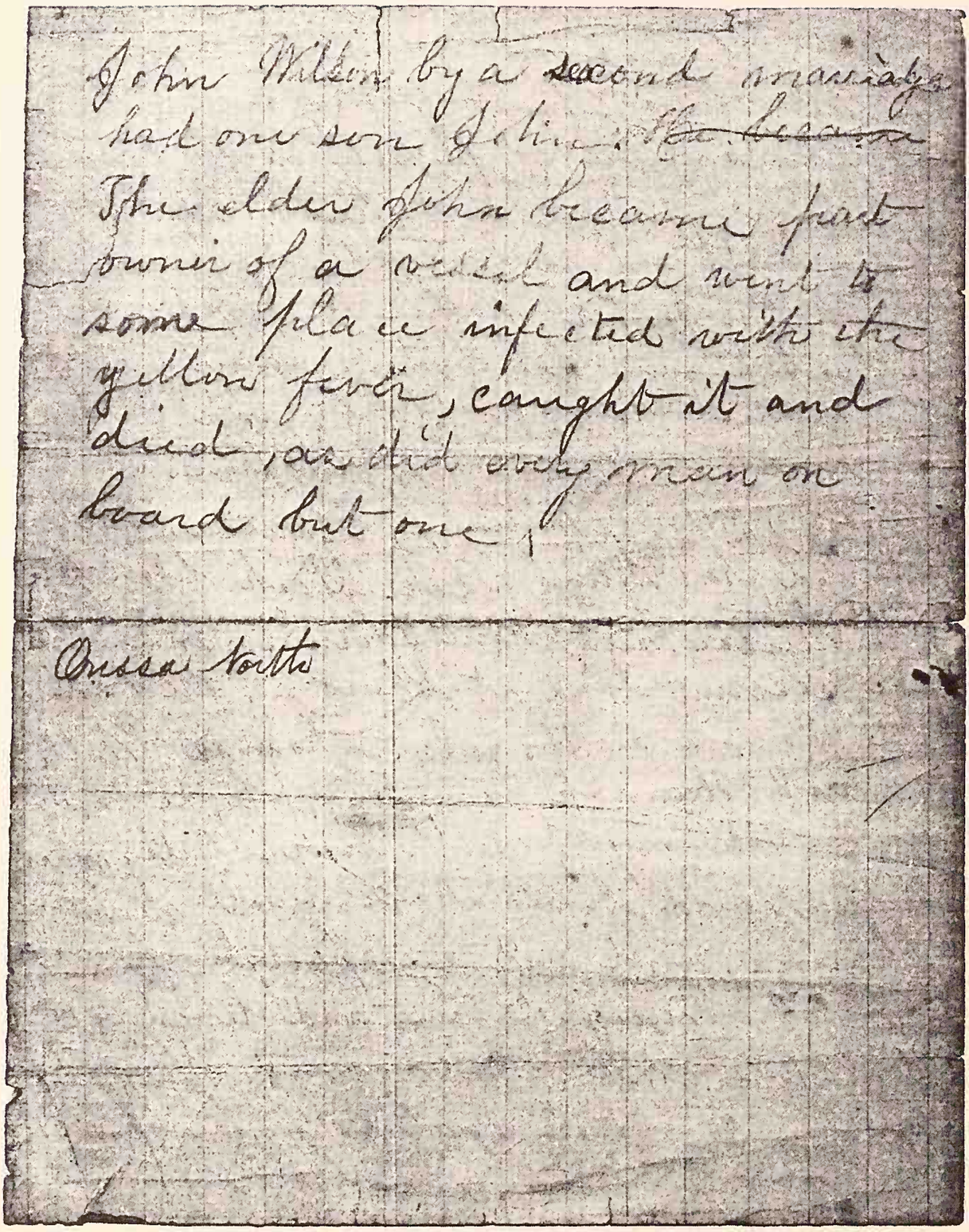


A Scotchman named Wilson, came from Scotland when a young man. He lost an amount of property on the passage and never returned to Scotland. He left ~~from Scotland~~ in Scotland only a twin sister. His ~~father~~ name is supposed to be John and his father's name Joseph. He married Mary Highland and settled in Taunton Mass. Five children. Polly, Nancy, Betsey, William, Clarissa, Polly married Nathaniel Peck. Peck lived at ~~Providence~~ Providence, and Nine Partners, and at last account lived at Sharon. He had three Boys and two girls, Thomas Wallace and Hannah Lee, Nancy Hyde lived in the vicinity of North river. Betsy married Rogers, and lived at Cornwall near Sharon, and were a respectable family. Clarissa married Bust and lived at Taunton. William married Abigail Brown and died of fever in the war of 1812



John Wilson by a second marriage had one son John. ~~He became~~ The elder John became part owner of a vessel and went to some place infected with the yellow fever, caught it and died, as did every man on board but one.

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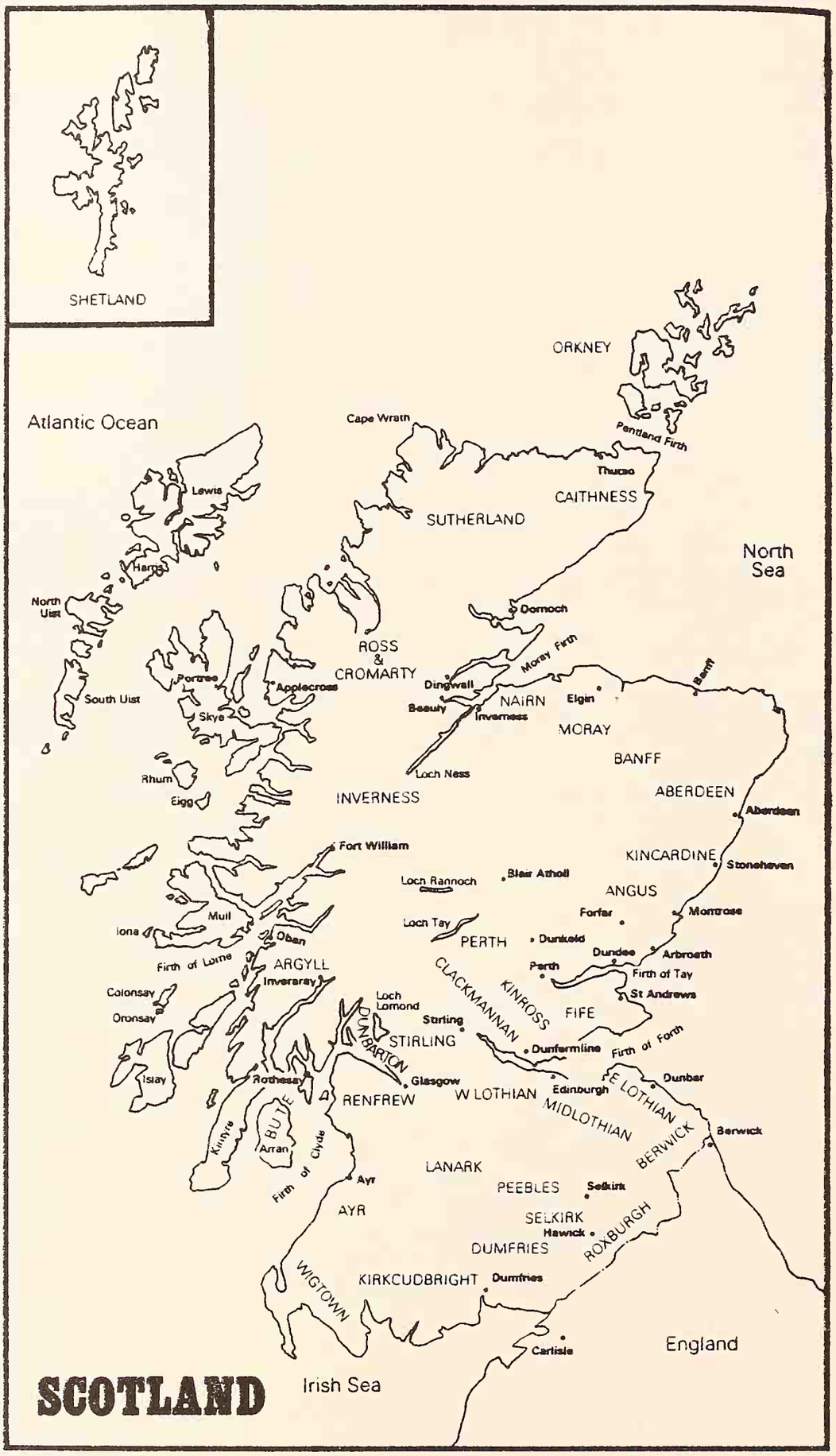
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THE WILSON FAMILY

THE SCOTTISH SURNAME WILSON

The name Wilson is a patronymic surname meaning the son of Will, i.e. William, and is one of the more common British surnames in both England and Scotland. From the foregoing Wilson Family Records, we know that this Wilson family came from Scotland. George F. Black in his book, *The Surnames of Scotland, Their Origin, Meaning, and History* (New York Public Library, 1962), on page 817, says:

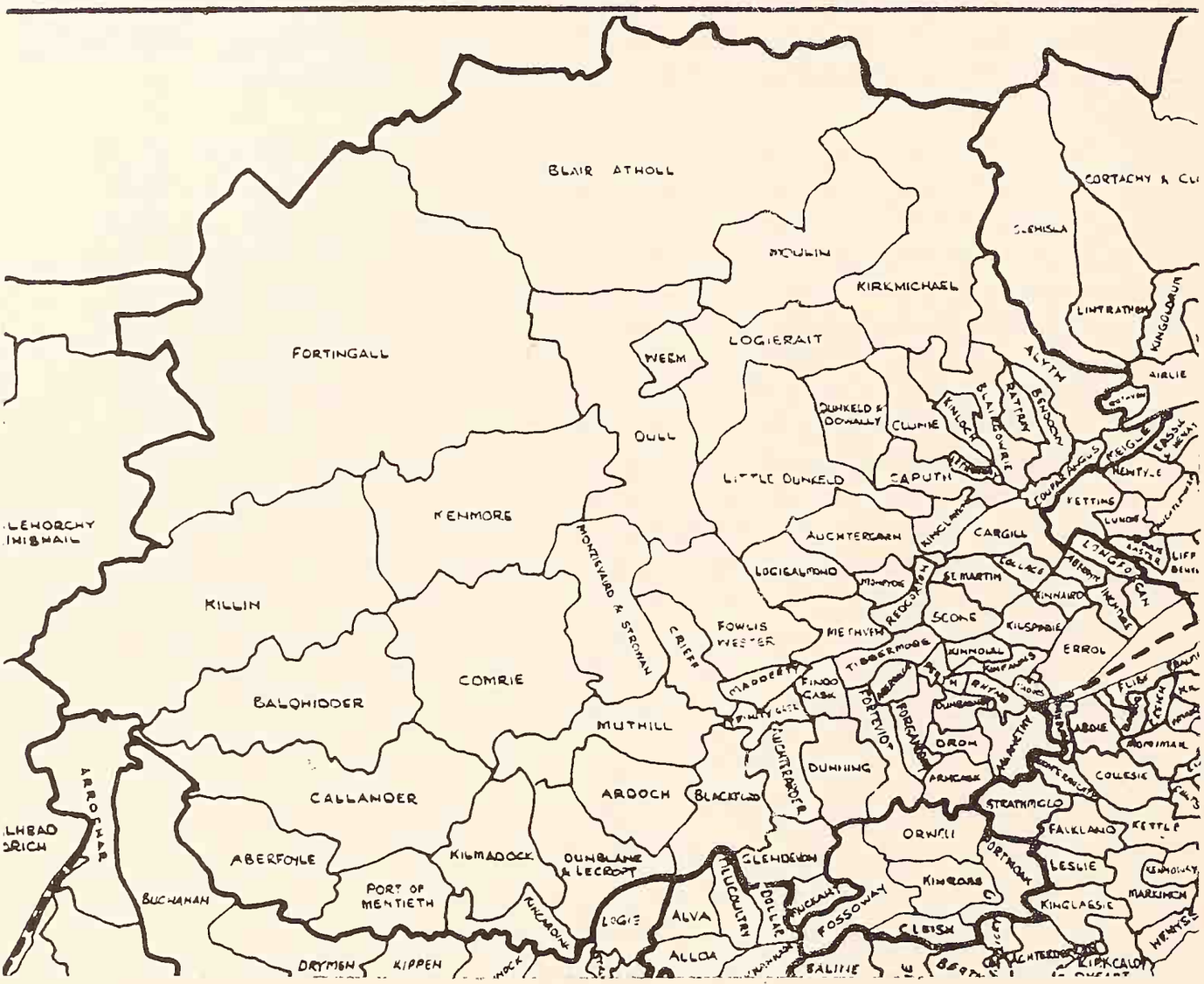
> WILSON, WILSONE, WILLSON. 'Son of Will,' q.v. John Wulson was a merchant in the service of Sir John of Mountgomery in 1405 (*Bain*, IV, 697), Michael Wilsoun was burgess of Irvine in 1418 (*Irvine*, I, p. 127), and John Wilson was burgess of Berwick in 1467 (RD., 461). Thomas Wolsoun was tenant of Newbotel Abbey in 1563 (*Neubotel*, p. 328), and Dand Vilsone and Pait Vilsoun were tenants of the abbot of Kelso in 1567 (*Kelso*, p. 519, 524). William Willsoun is recorded as indweller in Cunyngham Baidland in 1662 (*Hunter*, p. 50). The northern Wilsons are ranked as a sept of Clan Gunn, through George Gunn's son William, who flourished in the fifteenth century. The name was very common in Glasgow in the sixteenth century. Peter Wilson (1746-1825), classical scholar and linguist, professor of Greek and Latin in Columbia University, New York, was born in Ordiquhill, Aberdeenshire; and Alexander Wilson (1766-1813), the American ornithologist, was born in Paisley. For the spelling Wulson compare the Rev. Thomas Chalmers's pronunciation of 'filthy' as 'fulthy.' Villsone 1572. Vylsone 1511, Willesoun 1526, Willson 1668, Wilsoine 1586, Wilsowne 1549, Wilsoune 1554, Wulsone 1568 (this is a common broad pronunciation of the present day), Wylson 1506, Wylsoune 1547; Willsone, Wolson, Wyleson.

Clifford Stanley Sims states in his book, *The Origin and Signification of Scottish Surnames* (Albany, N.Y., 1862; reprint Baltimore, Md., 1968), on page 99:

WILSON.

> The son of William. The family are said to be descended from a Prince of Denmark, and were established at a very remote period in the Orkney islands, intermarrying with the clans of Monro, and others. After a long continuance in the north, alliances taking place with some of the principal Lowland families, the Wilsons moved southward. Motto: "Wil sone will."

Leslie Alan Dunkling in his book, *Scottish Christian Names* (London and Edinburgh, 1978), on page 49, notes that the Scottish Christian name Elspeth is "A Scottish contraction of Elizabeth, often occurring as Elspet. Elspie is a pet form. Scott has characters of this name in *The Antiquary* (1816), *The Monastery* (1820) and *Guy Mannering* (1815). Elspet(h) was 36th most frequently used name in Scotland in 1858, 78th in 1935."



MAP OF PERTHSHIRE, SCOTLAND

DULL PARISH IS IN THE CENTER

THE WILSON FAMILY

THE WILSON ANCESTRY IN SCOTLAND

The Wilson Family Records, which have been discussed previously, state that John Wilson came from Scotland and settled at Taunton, Massachusetts. These records also state that he was the son of a Joseph Wilson, that he left in Scotland a twin sister, and that he was a mariner. They further say that he married Mary Highland and had five children by her, viz., Polly, Nancy, Betsey, William and Clarissa; and that "Betsy married Rogers, and lived at Cornwall, near Sharon, and were a respectable family." In a sketch of the Rogers family in *Historical Records of the Town of Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut*, by Theodore S. Gold (Hartford, Conn., 1877), on page 262, it is stated that Noah Rogers, 4th, married for his second wife, Elizabeth Wilson of Amenia, New York, daughter of the "Hon. John Wilson of Perth, Scotland." John Wilson served in the Continental Army from Massachusetts in the American Revolution, and in one document, dated at Taunton on 21 March 1781, his age was given as 40 years.[1] Thus John Wilson was born about 1740 in Perthshire, Scotland, and was supposedly the son of a Joseph Wilson. However, the latter statement seemed suspect, since the name Joseph was rare in Scotland at that time.

All the baptisms and marriages found in the Old Parochial Registers of the Established Church of Scotland have been placed on the International Genealogical Index (IGI) for Scotland, and so a check of the IGI for the county of Perth was made for John Wilsons baptized between 1735 and 1745. There were twelve but none with a father named Joseph. Also, it was essential to discover if any of these Johns had a twin sister. Since the IGI is arranged alphabetically, it would be a formidable task to locate all the children of a given couple, especially with a name as common as Wilson. However, in recent years the Family History Library in Salt Lake City has put these records on a computer (and later on CDs as Scottish Church Records) enabling one to retrieve all the children of a couple at one time. I hired Gordon L. Remington, FASG, a genealogist in Salt Lake City, to access the families of these twelve from this computer. Only two had two children baptized the same day. One couple had two sons baptized together, but no indication that they were twins was noted. However, the other couple, John Wilson and his wife Elspet McKenzie, had twins, John and Janet, baptized 12 October 1740 in the parish of Dull in Perthshire.[2] These data fit what we know about our John Wilson's origins, except for the name of the father. The name Joseph did not appear once in these records during this time frame. As I pointed out earlier, the statement that John's father was named Joseph is almost certainly in error. It should also be pointed out that at this time in Scotland wives retained their maiden names after marriage.

The original registers for the parish church in Dull are on microfilm at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Checking these I found that John and Elspet (McKenzie) Wilson also had a daughter Elspet baptized in Dull in 1746. These entries read as follows:

October 12th 1740.
John & Jonet [*sic*] Twins To John Wilson & Elspet M^{c}Kenzie in Daelchrauidh of Bosaly was baptized. Patrick M^{c}Ilqhuidh & Donald Robertsone witnesses.[3]

January 12th 1746 . . .
Elspet Daughter to John Wilson & Elspet M^{c}Kenzie in Croftachastle of ffoss was baptized. Alex^{r} Reid and Thomas M^{c}Kenzie witnesses.[4]

At this point I decided to hire Mr. Robert A. Fenwick of Perth, Scotland, a professional genealogist, to search records there for this Wilson family. He searched the following records.

Commissariot Court Testaments, 1740-1770
Perthshire Sasines (land registrations), 1781-1820
Retours or Services to Heirs
Dull Kirk Session Minutes, 1717-1759; 1771-1800 (gap Feb. 1759-Nov. 1771) (CH2/1838/vols. 1-2)
Dull baptisms and marriages, 1703-1770 (O.P.R. 346/vols. 1-3)
Blair Atholl Kirk Session Minutes, 1718-1800 (CH2/430/vols. 1-3,6-7)
Blair Atholl baptisms and marriages, 1718-1770 (O.P.R. 334/vol. 1)
Fortingall Kirk Session Minutes & Accounts, 1753-1800 (CH2/1449/vol. 1-2,5)
Fortingall baptisms and marriages, 1748-1770 (O.P.R. 355a/vol. 1)
Dunkeld Commissariot Court, minute books of deeds & protested bills, 1687-1770 (CC7/15/vols. 1-2)
Dunkeld Commissariot Court, registers of deeds & protested bills, 1687-1777 (CC7/14/vols. 1-10)
Dunkeld Commissariot Court, unrecorded deeds, etc., 1628-1789 (CC7/16/bundle 122)
Dunkeld Commissariot Court, warrants of deeds, etc., 1776-1780 (CC7/16/bundles 90-113)
Forfeit Estates, Straun rentals, 1750-1755 (E.783/vols. 1, 40-43)
Forfeit Estates, Lochgarry rentals, 1748-1756 (E.767/1)
Robertson of Lude Estate Papers, includes rentals and other matters 1700-1770 (GD132/bundles 540-584)
Blair Castle Archives: Roll of the Duke of Atholl's fencible men, 1705-1706; Atholl Estate Rentals, 1728, 1735, 1742, 1754, 1760-1765, 1774-1816

Churchyards and parish burial grounds were inspected for Foss, Dull, Straun, Kinloch Rannoch, Fortingall and Blair Atholl, but all were virtually 19th century. The Established Church of Scotland registers before 1855 and gravestone inscriptions are kept at the General Register Office in Edinburgh. The Atholl Estate papers are kept at Blair Castle in Blair Atholl. All the other records are kept in the National Archives of Scotland, formerly known as the Scottish Record Office, in Edinburgh, either in the Princes Street building or the Charlotte Square building.

While records of various Wilsons and McKenzies were found, only one item definitely pertaining to John and Elspeth (McKenzie) Wilson was discovered. In the

Kirk Session Minutes of the parish of Blair Atholl, a record was found under the date of 23 June 1771, that "Certificates [i.e., testamonials] were appointed [i.e., ordered] for Elspeth McKenzie widow in Uchdnanetaig, & for Janet & Isobel Wilsons [*sic*] her daughters unmarried, and for John McLean in Trinafuir, all going to remove out of this parish."[5] Uchdnanetaig cannot be identified, but Trinafuir is today Trinafour. A check of the Dull parish registers revealed that a John Wilson was a witness to the marriage banns of James Wilson of the parish of Monzie and Sophia Ferguson of the parish of Dull at Dull on 12 October 1753.[6] The earliest Wilson found in the Dull parish registers was Allan Wilson who married there 27 April 1708, Janet NcQuine.[7] It is possible that Allan Wilson was the father of John Wilson, but proof was not found. Mr. Fenwick cautioned: "Do remember that registrations were optional then, and the O.[ld] P.[arochial] R.[egisters] may represent only half of the events which may have occurred within a parish."[8] He added: "There is always more documentation about the landowners, and their tenants, but only the odd glimpse of the subtenants and cottars from whose ranks the vast majority of our forebears are descended."[9] Mr. Fenwick concluded that John Wilson "was very probably a subtenant or cottar, for which little if any other documentation is likely to exist outside of the surviving church records."[10]

The parish of Dull is located in the county of Perth which is nearly in the center of Scotland. The capital of Perthshire is the city of Perth, the ancient metropolis of the kingdom of Scotland. The name Dull is derived from the Celtic dail, signifying a plain. The parish, which comprises the districts of Appin, Grandtully, Amulrie, Foss and Fincastle, is about thirty miles in length and is of irregular shape. The surface is divided throughout its whole length by several parallel ranges of hills, forming part of the Grampians. They gradually diminish in height towards the northeast, and between them are the beautiful vales of Glenquaich, Appin, Foss and Fincastle. Of these the highest is the central range, dividing the vale of Appin from that of Foss, and containing a portion of the mountain Schiehallion, which has an elevation of 3546 feet.[11] John and Elspeth (McKenzie) Wilson resided in the district or sub-parish of Foss which is in the north part of Dull parish and which borders on the parish of Blair Atholl.

The baptismal record for John and Janet Wilson in 1740 states that the Wilsons resided in "Daelchrauidh of Bosaly," and the record for Elspet in 1746 says they lived in "Croftachastle of ffoss." When the term "in" was used, it indicated that person was a tenant or local to that place.[12] In regard to the first residence, Mr. Fenwick wrote: "This name part spelt in Gaelic, is now known as Dalcroy at Bohally. The location where the family were on 10th January 1746, called 'Croft[a]chastle of Foss', does not appear to have survived on the modern 1 inch to 1 mile maps, therefore that croft may well have disappeared, although the whole of that part of Dull parish is still known to this day as the sub-parish of Foss, which had its own church. The main church for the parish of Dull, is over the hill some six [miles] due south of Foss and Bohally, about a half mile west of Camserney."[13] No separate records for the Foss church are known to have survived. "Dalcroy and Bohally were farms, or if there were half a dozen cottages or more they may have been referred to as farmtouns (farmtowns). . . . A croft, such as that of a shepherd, could be isolated, but most were dotted around a tenant's farmhouse

or in a farmtoun. Crofts, usually of thatch, were easily constructed and abandoned, hence their names soon came and went from maps and rental listings alike."[14]

To summarize:

1. Family records state that John Wilson, a mariner, came from Scotland and settled at Taunton, Massachusetts, and that he left behind in Scotland a twin sister.

2. Records in New England reveal that John Wilson was born about 1740 in Perth (i.e., Perthshire), Scotland.

3. The computerized Old Parochial Registers of the Established Church of Scotland reveal the baptism on 12 October 1740 in the parish of Dull, Perthshire, of twin children, John and Janet, of John Wilson and his wife Elspet McKenzie. The baptism of one more child, a daughter Elspet, occurred in 1746.

4. A search of records for the county of Perth revealed very little. But in a record, dated 23 June 1771, in the Kirk Session Minutes of the parish of Blair Atholl, which borders Dull on the north, we learn that Elspeth McKenzie, widow, and her unmarried daughters, Janet and Isobel Wilson, asked for a certificate as they were leaving that parish. This shows that John Wilson had died before that date, and that there was at least one more daughter.

5. The John Wilson baptized in 1740 with a twin sister fits what is known about the background of John Wilson, mariner, of Taunton, Massachusetts. Although it cannot be proved conclusively, it is very probable that the John Wilson, baptized in Dull in 1740, was the John Wilson who emigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the 1760s.

THE WILSONS OF DULL

The parish registers of Dull start in 1703, and the earliest records for people named Wilson are one baptism in 1709 and three marriages, viz., Allane Wilsone to Janet NcQuine on 27 April 1708; James Wilsone to Margaret Scriminger on 28 April 1713; and Janet Wilsone to Donald McIntyre on 28 April 1715. The marriage record for Janet Wilson calls her the daughter of John Wilson in Croftnakelly. If Allan, James and Janet were siblings, then John Wilson was the father of all three, but no records were found to prove this. The baptism of one child for Allan appears in 1709, but no baptisms are on record for any children of James probably because he was from "Duallie" parish. In fact no further Wilson baptisms appear until 1736. It is estimated that only about fifty percent of marriages and baptisms were recorded, it not being mandatory to do so. The recording of burials was not made mandatory until 1855. Thus the records are fragmentary, and it is difficult to determine family relationships. The following is based on the entries in the parish registers of the parish church of Dull.[15]

JOHN WILSON in Croftnakelly in the parish of Dull is the earliest Wilson found there. He was the father of Janet Wilson who married Donald McIntyre on 28 April 1715, and may have been the father of Allan and James Wilson noted above. It is very possible that he was the grandfather of John Wilson who married Elspeth McKenzie.

ALLAN WILSON of the parish of Dull married there 27 April 1708, JANET NCQUINE (now McQuine).[16] In the records of the baptism of their son James in 1709, they were noted as being "in Pitkerill,"[17] that is Pitkerril. Pitkerril is located about three miles southwest of Dalcroy and Bohally in the sub-parish of Foss in Dull parish. It could have been anything from a substantial subtenant's croft to a main tenant's farmhouse.[18]

CHILD of Allan and Janet (McQuine) **WILSON**: (Baptized in Dull parish)

i. JAMES, bp. 16 Jan. 1709;[17] probably the James who m. 2 June 1737, MARGARET MENZIES in Foss, both of the parish of Dull.[19]
   Children: (Baptized in Dull parish; surname **WILSON**)
   1. *Allan*, bp. 13 Mar. 1738[20]
   2. *Janet*, bp. 6 Mar. 1743[20]
   3. *John*, bp. 8 Mar. 1747[21]
   4. *James*, bp. 13 Sept. 1752[22]

JAMES WILSON married 25 February 1731, in the parish of Dull, ISOBELL MC-DUGALD.[23]

CHILDREN of James and Isobell (McDugald) **WILSON**: (Baptized in Dull parish)

i. JOHN, bp. 3 Aug. 1736[24]
ii. DONALD, bp. 25 July 1739;[25] d.y.
iii. ALEXANDER, bp. 1 Jan. 1741[26]
iv. ISOBELL, bp. 28 Jan. 1744[27]
v. DONALD, bp. 22 Feb. 1747[28]

PATRICK WILSON married 29 June 1739, in Dull parish, JANET MCLAGAN.[29]

CHILDREN of Patrick and Janet (McLagan) **WILSON**: (Baptized in Dull parish)

i. ANN, bp. 6 Apr. 1740[30]
ii. ISOBEL, bp. 9 Mar. 1742[31]
iii. JOHN, bp. 1 Nov. 1744[32]

JAMES WILSON and CATHARINE DEOR had a "natural" child Catharine baptized 22 March 1756.[33]

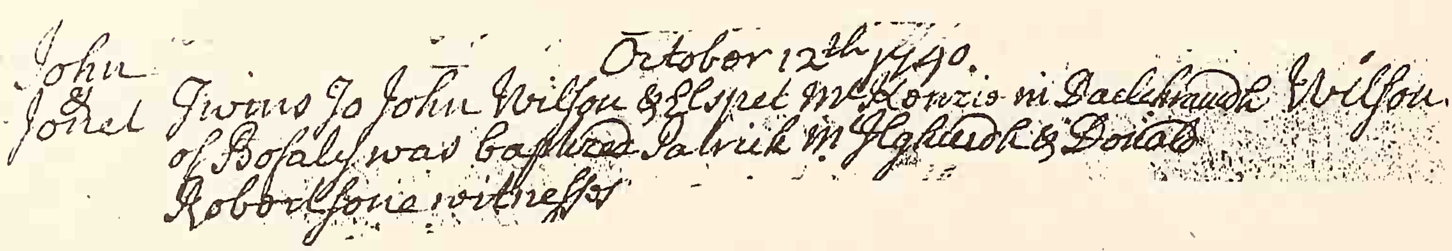
JOHN WILSON and CHRISTIAN CAMPBELL had a child John baptized 10 July 1756.[34]

JOHN WILSON married 11 December 1773, MARGARET STEWART.[35]

JOHN WILSON and GRIZEL STEWART had a "natural" child Grizel baptized 28 March 1774.[36]

JOHN WILSON and ELIZABETH STEWART had a child Donald baptized 8 January 1775.[37]

The last three John Wilsons may be the same person, but it is impossible to be sure. These records show that there was a small family of Wilsons in the parish of Dull from at least the late seventeenth century, and all were probably related in some way.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BAPTISMAL RECORD OF JOHN AND JANET WILSON 12 OCTOBER 1740

JOHN WILSON OF DULL

JOHN[A] WILSON, of the parish of Dull, Perthshire, Scotland, was probably born there around 1715. His baptism is not on record, and thus we do not know the names of his parents. It is possible he was a son of Allan and Janet (McQuine) Wilson, and it is also possible that he was a grandson of John Wilson in Croftnakelly in Dull, the earliest man of the name found in Dull. John Wilson died before 23 June 1771, on which date his wife was called a widow.[38] He married **ELSPETH MCKENZIE**,[39] whose parentage also has not been determined.

John Wilson may have been the man of that name who was a witness to the marriage banns of James Wilson of the parish of Monzie and Sophia Ferguson of the parish of Dull at Dull on 12 October 1753.[6] He "was very probably a subtenant or cottar, for which little if any other documentation is likely to exist outside of the surviving church records."[10]

Before 1771 Elspeth McKenzie and perhaps John Wilson had removed to the neighboring parish of Blair Atholl. On 23 January 1771, certificates (i.e., testamonials) were ordered for Elspeth McKenzie, widow, in Uchdnanetaig and for Janet and Isobel Wilson, her daughters, unmarried, all about to remove out of that parish.[5] It is likely they returned to Dull.

A Thomas McKenzie was one of the witnesses to the baptism in 1746 of Elspeth Wilson, daughter of John and Elspeth (McKenzie) Wilson. He was probably either Elspeth's brother or father. There was a Thomas McKenzie, son of John McKenzie and Margaret Stewart, baptized on 16 April 1721 in Blair Atholl.[40] This couple were married in the parish of Moulin, which is next to Blair Atholl on the east, on 26 January 1709.[41] They had one other child, a daughter Janet, baptized at Blair Atholl on 9 November 1718.[40] This was nine years after their marriage, so there were undoubtedly other children whose baptisms were not recorded. It is possible Elspeth was one of them.

CHILDREN of John[A] and Elspeth (McKenzie) **WILSON**: (Baptized in Dull parish, Perthshire, Scotland)[2,4]

1.
- i. JOHN[1] (twin), bp. 12 Oct. 1740; almost certainly the John Wilson, mariner, of Taunton, Mass.
- ii. JANET (twin), bp. 12 Oct. 1740; unm. on 23 June 1771;[38] no further record.
- iii. ELSPETH, bp. 12 Jan. 1746; no further record.
- iv. ISOBEL, bp. not found; unm. on 23 June 1771;[38] perhaps the Isobel Wilson and Donald McLean, both of Dull parish, who on 13 Jan. 1772 "gave up their names to be proclaimed in order to marriage."[42]

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3. *Ibid.*, 2:5.

4. *Ibid.*, 2:32.

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13. R. A. Fenwick to G. J. Parsons, 4 May 2001.

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15. Old Parochial Registers for Dull, vols. 1-3 (OPR/346/1; 346/2; 346/3) [FHL microfilms #1,040,079 and #1,040,063).

16. Old Parochial Registers for Dull, 1:19 verso (*supra* note 7). "In the original Gaelic daughters were afforded the prefix 'Nc' and the males 'Mac' or 'Mc', but eventually all adopted the latter." – R. A. Fenwick, 18 May 2002.

17. Old Parochial Registers for Dull, 1:22 verso (*supra* note 7).

18. R. A. Fenwick to G. J. Parsons, 18 May 2002.

19. Old Parochial Registers for Dull (OPR/346/1), 1:220 [FHL microfilm #1,040,079, item 3].

20. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:15 verso [FHL microfilm #1,040,079, item 4].

21. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:38 verso.

22. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:71.

23. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/1), 1:207 [FHL microfilm #1,040,079, item 3].

24. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/1), 1:160.

25. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/1), 1:173 verso.

26. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:6 [FHL microfilm #1,040,079, item 4].

27. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:23.

28. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:38.

29. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/1), 1:224 [FHL microfilm #1,040,079, item 3].

30. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:3 [FHL microfilm #1,040,079, item 4].

31. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:11 verso.

32. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:27 verso.

33. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:94 [FHL microfilm #1,040,063, item 1].

34. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/2), 2:97.

35. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/3), 3:166 verso [FHL microfilm #1,040,063, item 2].

36. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/3), 3:68 verso.

37. *Ibid.* (OPR/346/3), 3:74.

38. Blair Atholl Kirk Session Minutes, 3:196 (*supra* note 5).

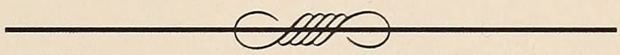
39. This marriage is not on record, but the mother's maiden name is given in the baptismal records of the children.

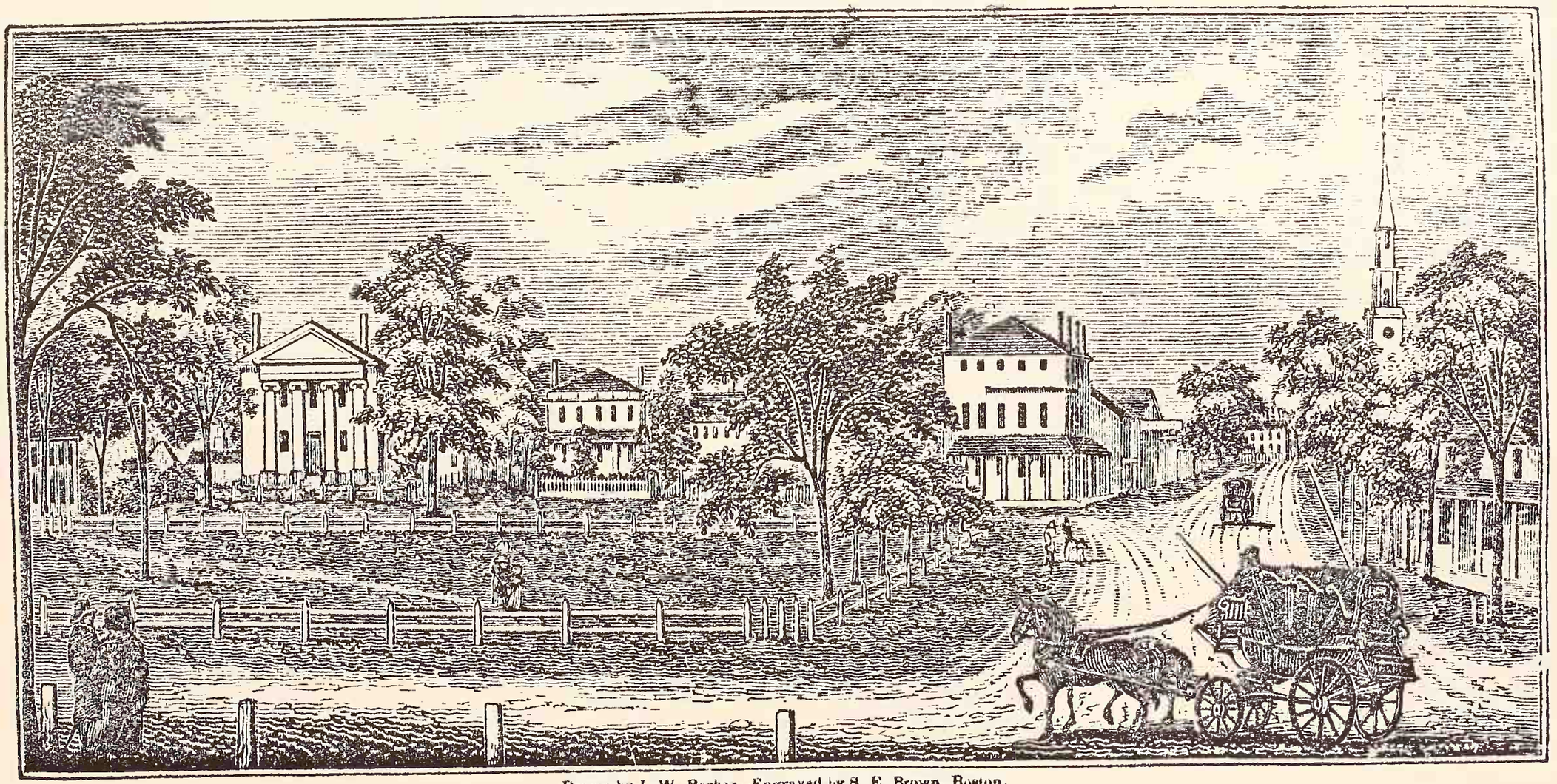
40. Old Parochial Registers of Blair Atholl, v. 1, abstracted by R. A. Fenwick.

41. Moulin, Perthshire, Scotland, marriages 1707-1854, p. 78 [FHL microfiche #6,900,674].

42. Old Parochial Registers for Dull (OPR/346/3), 3:160 verso [FHL microfilm #1,040,063, item 2].

First Generation in New England





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CENTRAL PART OF TAUNTON, MASS.

The above is an eastern view of Taunton Green, with some of the surrounding buildings. The Court-House is seen on the left, and one of the Congregational churches on the right.

THE WILSON FAMILY

FIRST GENERATION IN NEW ENGLAND

1. **JOHN[1] WILSON**, MARINER, the immigrant ancestor of this family, was born about 1740, in Perthshire, Scotland,[1] and was undoubtedly the John Wilson who, with a twin sister Janet, was baptized 12 October 1740, in the parish of Dull in Perthshire, son of John[A] Wilson and his wife Elspeth McKenzie.[2] John Wilson came to New England in the 1760s and settled by 1776 at Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts. He died between 1795 and 1800 of yellow fever at some port in the West Indies.[3] John Wilson married (1) about 1768, **MARY** _____, who died of consumption 14 November 1784, at Taunton;[4] and he married (2) before 8 December 1791, **SUSANNA MAYBERRY**, apparently the daughter of Richard and Susanna (Lincoln) Mayberry of Dighton, Massachusetts.[5]

The Wilson Family Records (*vide ante*) state that John Wilson came from Scotland and settled in Taunton, Massachusetts, and that he left in Scotland only a twin sister. These records also say that John was a mariner; that he married twice, the first wife being one Mary Highland; and that he died of yellow fever at some port in the West Indies. Other statements, such as the father's name being Joseph, who gave John a ship full manned, cannot be supported by any evidence and are unquestionably not true. The exact date and place of arrival of John Wilson in New England are not known. He must have come before 1769, for his eldest child, Mary (born about December 1769), stated in the 1850 Federal Census that she was born in Massachusetts.[6] By 1776 John Wilson had settled at Taunton from which town he served in the American Revolution. The following records, taken from original documents in the Massachusetts Archives, are copied from *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, volume 17 (Boston, 1908), pages 569 and 542:

> WILSON, JOHN, Taunton. List of men mustered by Nathaniel Barber, Muster Master for Suffolk Co., dated Boston, Feb. 16, 1777; Capt. Tuckerman's co., Brig. Gen. Paterson's regt.; reported received State bounty; *also*, Private, Capt. Mills's co., Col. Joseph Vose's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Feb. 4, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; residence, Taunton; credited to town of Taunton; *also*, Capt. Abraham Tuckerman's co., Col. Vose's regt.; muster roll for Dee., 1777, sworn to at Camp near Valley Forge; enlisted Feb. 4, 1777; enlistment, 3 years; *also*, same co. and regt.; pay roll for Nov., 1778, sworn to at Providence; *also*, same co. and regt.; pay roll for Dec., 1778; *also*, same co. and regt.; pay rolls for Jan. and Feb., 1779, sworn to at Providence; *also*, (late) Capt. Tuekerman's eo., Col. Vose's regt.; muster roll for March and April, 1779, dated Providenee.
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> WILSON, JOHN, Taunton. Account dated Sept. 25, 1781, rendered by the Selectmen of Taunton, of bounties paid said Wilson and others by said town, or classes therein, to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years or during war, agreeable to resolve of Dee. 2, 1780; *also*, list of men raised in Bristol Co. to serve in the Continental Army, agreeable to resolve of Dec. 2, 1780, as attested by James Williams, Superintendent for said eounty, dated Taunton; *also*, descriptive list of men returned as reeeived of James Williams, Superintendent for Bristol Co., by

Joshua Wilbore, of Taunton, March 21, 1781, to be conducted to Springfield and delivered to Col. Shepard; Capt. Blake's co., 3d Mass. regt.; age, 40 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; hair, brown; eyes, blue; occupation, mariner; residence, Taunton; term, 3 years.

WILLSON, JOHN. Receipt dated Taunton, March 13, 1781, for bounty paid said Willson by Lieut. Peter Walker to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years.

The records above were compiled from documents now in the Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point, Boston, as previously stated. The important documents are as follows. John Wilson appears on a list of men mustered by Nathaniel Barber, Muster Master for Suffolk County, Massachusetts, dated at Boston on 16 February 1777. He was one of eight men assigned to Captain Tuckerman's Company in Brigadier General Patterson's Battalion.[7] John Wilson was listed as a private on the muster roll for December 1777 of Captain Abraham Tuckerman's Company, of which John Mills was lieutenant, in Colonel Joseph Vose's [First] Massachusetts Regiment, dated 6 January 1778 at "Camp Near y^{e} Valley forge." This record states that John Wilson had enlisted 4 February 1777 for three years. No place of residence was noted.[8] However, Continental Army pay accounts reveal that John Wilson, a private in Captain Mills's Company [Mills had succeeded Tuckerman] in Colonel Vose's Regiment, was from Taunton and was paid £69 16*s*. for service from 4 February 1777 to 31 December 1779.[9] Thus this record proves that John Wilson of Taunton was the man at Valley Forge. John Wilson was accepted as a qualifying ancestor by the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge in 1998.[10] On 13 March 1781 at Taunton, John Wilson signed a receipt for forty silver dollars and a note for the sum of three hundred silver dollars in bounty he received from Lieutenant Peter Walker for going in the Continental Army for three years.[11] John Wilson was listed as 40 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, with light complexion, brown hair and blue eyes, a mariner, and a resident of Taunton, on a descriptive list of men received of James Williams, superintendent for Bristol County, by Joshua Wilbore of Taunton on 21 March 1781. These men were to be taken to Springfield and assigned to Colonel Shepard for Captain Blake's Company in the Third Massachusetts Regiment. Wilson was to serve three years.[12] An account dated 25 September 1781 and rendered by the selectmen of Taunton shows that John Wilson had received 300 silver dollars and £90 in bounty for serving in the Continental Army for three years or during war "agreeable to resolve of Dec. 2, 1780."[13]

John Wilson was called "Capt. Wilson" in the records of the First Congregational Church of Taunton when his three youngest children by his first wife were baptized by the Rev. Ephraim Judson on 9 March 1781. The entry as printed in the *Taunton Daily Gazette*, Thursday evening, 13 April 1905, page 10, reads: "March 9, 1781 – Elizabeth, William, Clarissa, dedicated by _____ Wilson, wife of Capt. Wilson."[14] Without question the title of captain referred to his occupation as a mariner.

On 29 June 1781, John Wilson of Taunton, "Marriner," purchased from Israel Washburn, Samuel Tobey and Captain Isaac Hodges, a committee empowered to sell certain confiscated estates in Bristol County, a house and lot of about two acres in

Taunton bounded southerly by the "Road that leads from Taunton Green to Baylies New Forge." This was the confiscated dwelling of Henry Laughton, and Wilson had made the highest bid of $200.00 for the property at public vendue on 20 February 1781.[15] He mortgaged this property for £30 to Captain John Read of Taunton on 1 March 1784 for the term of three years.[16] Then he seems to have gotten into further financial difficulties. On 24 May 1787, the Sheriff of Bristol County (or "his under Sheriff or Deputy, or either of the Constables of the Town of Taunton") was ordered "Because John Wilson of Taunton . . . on y^{e} Second Day of April in y^{e} year of our Lord 1787, Before me Ezra Richmond Esq^{r}. one of the Justices of y^{e} Peace for y^{e} County of Bristol, acknowlidged [*sic*] by non appearance, that he was Indebted to William Baylies of Dighton . . . in the Sum of Fourteen pounds Nine Shillings & Seven pence . . . [to take] of y^{e} Goods$_{[,]}$ Chattels or Real Estate of y^{e} said John Wilson . . . [enough to pay and satisfy] the said William Baylies at y^{e} Value thereof in money the afores^{d}. Sum . . . togather [*sic*] with Ten Shillings & Eight pence for Cost of process & two Shillings for this Writ & Duty . . . [plus his] own lawful Fees. . . ." If John Wilson did not have enough goods, chattels or real estate to pay these sums, the sheriff was "to take y^{e} body of the said John Wilson and him Commit into our Goal [*sic*] in our County of Bristol afores^{d}. there to be detained . . . untill he pay the full Sums . . . or that the s^{d} John Wilson be discharged by the s^{d} William Baylies the Creditor, or otherwise by order of Law."[17] On 24 April 1787, John Read of Taunton deeded his interest in John Wilson's land to William Baylies; and on 26 May 1787, Silvester Richmond, 2d, Rufus Whitmarsh and John Whitmarsh, all of Dighton, appraised Wilson's house and land at £17 17*s*. 6*d*., and Matthew Whitmarsh, Deputy Sheriff, delivered possession of the property to Baylies, the creditor, and returned the execution fully satisfied.[18] In the Federal Census of 1790 John Wilson was listed in the Town of Dighton, Bristol County, Massachusetts. His household consisted of himself, 1 male under 16 (William?) and 2 females (Elizabeth and Clarissa or his second wife Susanna and Clarissa?).[19] Dighton borders Taunton on the south and was a part of Taunton until 1712.[20]

On 8 December 1791, John Wilson, "Seaman," and his wife Susanna, together with Richard Mayberry of Dighton; Thomas Lincoln and his wife Elizabeth [Mayberry] of Taunton; Daniel Corey and his wife Jemima [Mayberry]; and Bela Woodcock and his wife Sarah [Mayberry] of Easton, Massachusetts, sold a parcel of four and half acres of land in Easton to Joseph Godfrey of Easton. On 22 June 1795, John and Susanna Wilson personally appeared at Dighton to acknowledge this deed.[21] This is the last record found for John Wilson. No residence was given for John Wilson in 1791 nor in 1795, but he was presumably living in Dighton. It would appear that the family moved back to Taunton by 1800, for in the 1800 Federal Census "Wid^{o}. Susannah Wilson" is listed at Taunton. Her household consisted of herself aged between 26 and 45 years, one male aged 16 to 26 years, and one female under 10 years of age.[22] As previously stated, John Wilson died of yellow fever at some port in the West Indies while on a voyage to that area. No probate is on file for John Wilson.

CHILDREN of John[1] and Mary (———) **WILSON**:[23]

3. i. MARY[2], b. 12 December 1769 (calculated), in Massachusetts.
4. ii. NANCY, b. say 1772, in Massachusetts.

5. iii. ELIZABETH, b. about 1775; bapt. 9 March 1781, First Congregational Church, Taunton, Mass.
2. iv. WILLIAM, b. about 1777; bapt. 9 March 1781, First Congregational Church, Taunton, Mass.
6. v. CLARISSA, b. about October 1779; bapt. 9 March 1781, First Congregational Church, Taunton, Mass.

CHILDREN of John[1] and Susanna (Mayberry) **WILSON**:[24]

7. vi. JOHN
vii. DAUGHTER, no data.

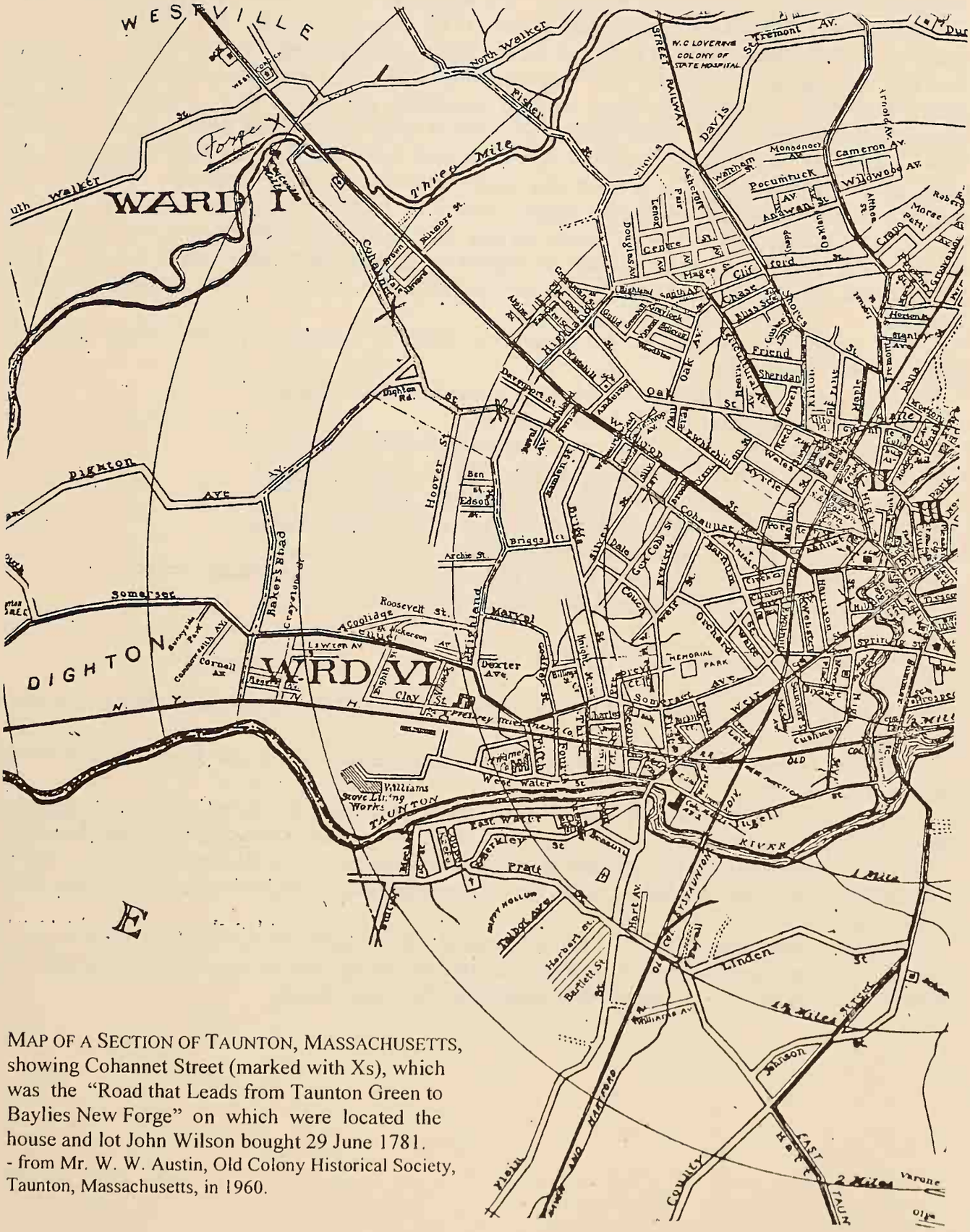
REFERENCES: 1. *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revoutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896-1908), 17(1908):569; Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls, 34:412, in Massachusetts Archives, Columbia Point, Boston, Mass.; Theodore S. Gold, *Historical Records of the Town of Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut* (Hartford, 1877), p. 262.

2. Old Parochial Registers for Dull, Perthshire, Scotland (OPR/346/2), 2:5 [Family History Library, hereafter FHL, microfilm #1,040,079, item 4].

3. Wilson Family Records Nos. 1 & 2 (see pages 1-9). John and Susanna Wilson acknowledged a deed at Dighton, Mass., 22 June 1795 [Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 76:323-324], and Susanna was listed as a widow in the 1800 Federal Census.

4. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1929), 3:230. According to Wilson Family Record No. 2, the first wife of John[1] Wilson was Mary Highland. That her given name was Mary is proved by the marriage record of her daughter Mary in the Bristol, R.I., vital records which state that on 14 Dec. 1791, Nathaniel Peck, son of Thomas and Mary Peck, married Mary Wilson, daughter of John and Mary Wilson [James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 6:Bristol 43]. Since she alone had her three youngest children baptized in the Taunton Congregational Church in 1781, Mary was undoubtedly a member of the Congregational Church and John Wilson was not. Since John was a Scotsman, this would be expected. It is possible, therefore, that Mary was a New Englander, but there is also the possibility that she may have come from Scotland. The only Highland family in New England at that time was the Hyland family of Scituate, Mass. A search of that family failed to find a Mary who could have been the wife of John Wilson (see *The American Genealogist*, 43(1967):136-137). For the time being at least, I must conclude she was not a member of this family. Of course, her surname may not have been reported correctly, so I have elected to consider her maiden name as unknown.

5. Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 76:323-324. The second wife of John Wilson was Susanna and that her maiden name was Mayberry is based on this deed of 8 Dec. 1791, and the following supporting data. The parties of the first part of this deed were Richard Mayberry of Dighton, Mass.; Thomas Lincoln and wife Elizabeth of Taunton, Mass.; John Wilson and wife Susanna (no residence stated); Daniel Corey and wife Jemima; and Bela Woodcock and wife Sarah of Easton, Mass. [In the body of this deed John Wilson's wife is called Jemima, but the signature "Susanna Wilson" and the acknowledgment of "John Wilson & Susanna his wife" clearly show the error.] These women and Richard Mayberry were probably the children of Richard and Susanna (Lincoln) Mayberry of Dighton and deeding land inherited from their father. Richard Mayberry, late of Dighton, died prior to 4 Feb. 1779, on which date the administration of his estate was granted to Richard Mayberry [Estate of Richard Mayberry, 148:36, Bristol Co. Registry of Probate, Taunton, Mass.]. The Dighton vital records at the office of the Dighton Town Clerk show the following (also on microfiche in Jay Mack Holbrook, Massachusetts Vital Records: Dighton, 1675-1890 [Oxford, Mass., 1984], 54 microfiches): v. 1, p. 126 (& fiche 3) – "Richard Maybrirey & Susannah Lincolne entered their Intents of marige" 7 July 1750.; v. 1, p. 202 (& fiche 5) – "Elezebeth Mabery the Daughter of Richard Mabery by Susa his Wif[e] was born November the 4 anno 1752."; v. 1, p. 168 (& fiche 4) – "Thomas Linkhorn of Taunton and Elisebeth Mabrey of Dighton Entr[d]. there Intentions of marriage" 9 Feb. 1771. Elizabeth Mayberry of Dighton and Thomas Lincoln, 2d, of Taunton were married 28 Mar. 1771, at Dighton [*Vital Records of Taunton . . .*, 2:334]. The vital records of Easton, Mass., at the

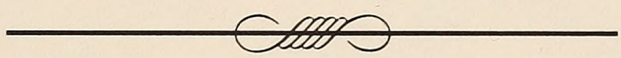


MAP OF A SECTION OF TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS, showing Cohannet Street (marked with Xs), which was the "Road that Leads from Taunton Green to Baylies New Forge" on which were located the house and lot John Wilson bought 29 June 1781.
- from Mr. W. W. Austin, Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1960.

office of the Easton Town Clerk (also on microfiche in Holbrook, Massachusetts Vital Records: Easton, 1693-1900 [Oxford, Mass., 1992], 14 vols. on 63 microfiches) show the following: v. 1, p. 150 (fiche 4) – "Mr. Richard Mabery of Dighton and Mrs. Susanah Hewit of Easton ware married by Archibald Campbell" 7 Dec. 1775; v. 1, p. 151 (fiche 4) – "Mr. Bartimeus Hewit and Mrs. Susanah Maberry both of Easton ware married by Arch'd Campbell" 17 July 1777; v. 1, p. 170 (fiche 4) – "Bela Woodcock of Easton and Sarah Mabury Resident in Norton were maried by William Reed" 25 Aug. 1791. In addition to these data, the compiler received the following from Miss Helen H. Lane of Segreganset, Mass., in a letter dated 9 Feb. 1959: "In 1793 high prices after the Revolution, combined with the rocky soil of Dighton farms, had brought great need. Many people had migrated to the West seeking better soil, thus increasing taxes for those who remained on the farms. Many lost their farms, and the town according to the custom of the times sold their services to the man who would bid highest for them. Evidently John Wilson was obliged to attend the auction and bid the highest amount for Richard and Elizabeth Mayberry. This, of course, was a pledge that he himself would see that they had proper food, clothing and shelter. The amount that he bid, 7/6 pence per wk., was the highest bid taken for any man and wife that day." In the 1800 Federal Census, "Wid°. Elizabeth Lincoln" is listed next door to "Wid°. Susannah Wilson" in Taunton.

6. 1850 Federal Census: New York, Dutchess Co., Town of North East, p. 305B, #319-334 (NARA microfilm M432, Roll 496).
7. Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls, 41:39, in Massachusetts Archives, Boston.
8. *Ibid.*, 48:333, in Massachusetts Archives, Boston.
9. Continental Army Books, 1:1:84, in Massachusetts Archives, Boston.
10. Gerald James Parsons, No. 973S, 14 March 1998.
11. Bounty Receipts, 34:491, in Massachusetts Archives, Boston.
12. Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls, 34:412, in Massachusetts Archives, Boston.
13. *Ibid.*, 34:421, in Massachusetts Archives, Boston.
14. Photocopy obtained from the Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Mass., in 2002.
15. Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 62:346-347 (FHL microfilm #466,917).
16. *Ibid.*, 62:347.
17. *Ibid.*, 66:201 (FHL microfilm #466,919).
18. *Ibid.*, 66:202.
19. *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Massachusetts* (Washington, D.C., 1908), p. 44.
20. William Francis Galvin, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts* (Boston, 1997), p. 40.
21. Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 76:323-324 (FHL microfilm #466,934). In the body of this deed, John Wilson's wife was called Jemima, but the signatures, John Wilson and Susanna Wilson, show the error.
22. 1800 Federal Census: Massachusetts, Bristol Co., Taunton, p. 361 (NARA microfilm M32, Roll 19).
23. Wilson Family Records Nos. 1 & 2; *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1929), 1:467.
24. Wilson Family Record No. 1. The 1800 Federal Census shows Widow Susanna Wilson with one male 16-26 and one female under 10. If she had a son John, his age bracket should have been under 10 or possibly 10-16, so perhaps the census taker marked the wrong age category.

Second Generation



NABBY BROWN
WIFE OF WILLIAM WILSON
1781 – 1871

THE WILSON FAMILY

SECOND GENERATION

2. **WILLIAM[2] WILSON**, only son of John[1] and Mary (———) Wilson, was born about 1777, at Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts,[1] and was baptized there in the First Congregational Church on 9 March 1781.[2] He died 6 July 1814, in the War of 1812 of disease contracted in the line of duty at Sackets Harbor, Jefferson County, New York.[3] William Wilson was married 30 or 31 December 1801, by the Rev. Solomon Morgan, at Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, to **NABBY BROWN**,[4] who was born there 9 March 1781 (calculated), or perhaps 1780,[5] and died 14 June 1871, aged 90 years, 3 months and 5 days (g.s.), at the home of her daughter, Sarah Taylor, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[6] daughter of Obadiah and Drusilla (Stevens) Brown.[7] She is buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, Wayne County, New York, and William Wilson lies buried in an unknown grave at Sackets Harbor.

William Wilson removed from Taunton, Massachusetts, sometime before 1801, and it seems likely he settled with or near his sister, Mary Peck, who was residing in the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York. He may have been the male, aged between 16 and 26, residing in the household of his stepmother, Widow Susanna Wilson, in Taunton in 1800,[8] but this male was more likely her son John whose age was marked incorrectly. By December 1801, William Wilson was residing in the Town of Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, where on 3 September 1802, he bought from Miles Lewis of Canaan one acre of land in Canaan bounded on the "South on the Highway Leading from North Canaan Meeting House to Norfolk . . . with the House & Nailers Shop thereon Standing" for $115.00.[9] On 1 (*sic*) September 1802, William Wilson mortgaged this property to Miles Lewis. The mortgage states: "Canaan Sept^{r}. 3^{d}. 1802 – The Condition of the within Deed is Such that Whereas the S^{d}. William Willson [*sic*] has on the first Day of September last given me two notes of hand Viz^{t}. One for fifty eight Dollars payable on the first day of September 1803, the other payable on the first day of September 1804. With Lawfull Interest ~ Now be it Remembered that if the S^{d}. William Well & Truly pays the above Notes with the Interest arising thereon then the Within Deed is to be Null & Void Otherwise to Remain in full force & Virtue in law – Miles Lewis."[10] Then on 16 September 1803, Miles Lewis for $10.00 quitclaimed this property to William Wilson, and Wilson sold this land "With a House[,] Barn and Nailing Shop" for $155.00 to Seth Rockwell of Canaan.[11] It appears that this land was in what is today the Town of North Canaan.

By 1814 William and Nabby Wilson had removed to Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York, where on 26 April 1814, William Wilson enlisted for five years as a private under Lieutenant Henry R. Wendell in the 6th Regiment of United States Infantry, War of 1812. His enlistment paper states that he was 37 years old, was born in Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, was 5 feet 8½ inches tall, was of light complexion, had blue eyes and sandy hair, and was by profession a founder. He died at Sackets Harbor, New York, 6 July 1814, of disease contracted in the line of duty.[1]

On 25 October 1819, Nabby Wilson of the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, was appointed guardian of the children of William Wilson late of the Town of Marcellus (*sic*), viz., Riley, 13 on 8 November last; Eliza, 11 on 14 October instant; and Sally, 7 on 21 June last. On 30 October 1819, Nabby Wilson, as guardian of Riley, Eliza and Sally Wilson, "the only Children and heirs at Law of William Wilson deceased late a Soldier in the 6th Regiment of United States Infantry," relinquished to the United States their claim, right, title and interest in and to the land or land warrant the said heirs were or may have been entitled to "agreeable to the 2nd Section of a Law of Congress passed April 16th 1816." On 4 June 1821, Nabby Wilson was allowed a half pay pension for five years at the rate of $4.00 per month commencing 30 October 1819 and terminating 30 October 1824. A certificate of pension was issued 12 June 1821, and Nabby Wilson, as guardian of the heirs of William Wilson, was inscribed on the roll of half pay pensioners for the State of New York.[1] The Pension Roll of 1835 for New York shows that William Wilson was a private in the 6th Regiment of Infantry and died 6 July 1814. His heirs were Riley, Eliza and Sally Wilson. The annual allowance was listed as $48.00, and the sum received as $240.00. His heirs were placed on the roll on 12 June 1821, and the pension commenced 30 October 1819 and ended 30 October 1824.[12]

In 1820 Nabby Wilson and her children and her mother, Drusilla Brown, were undoubtedly residing with her brother, Benjamin Brown, in the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, and in 1830 Nabby Wilson and her mother were living with Nabby's son, Riley Wilson, in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York.[13] In 1840 and 1844 Nabby Wilson was residing with her daughter, Eliza Shepard, in the Town of Conquest, Cayuga County, New York.[14] By 1850 she made her home with her daughter, Sally Taylor, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[15] where she lived the rest of her life.

Nabby Wilson of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, aged 73 years, made a declaration on 15 June 1853 "in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the law of the United States passed on the 16th day of April 1816 and of the law of 3d of February 1853." She stated that she was the widow of William Wilson, who had enlisted in 1814 for five years in a regiment commanded by Colonel Miller, the lieutenant being named "Wendle"; that she was married 30 December 1801 to William Wilson; that he died in July 1814 of disease contracted while in the service; that he left four children, two now dead and two living, Eliza Shepard and Sally Taylor; and that she had applied for her husband's back pay and received about $35.00; and that she also applied for and received her husband's bounty land of 160 acres in 1821 or 1822. Nabby Wilson made a second declaration on 9 August 1853 "In order to obtain the benefit of the last Proviso of the first Section of the act of 3d February 1853 and of previous acts Granting half pay to Widows of Soldiers that was killed or who died of Desseas [*sic*] Contracted in the Service." The data given were much the same as in the previous declaration except she stated her age as 72 years and her marriage date as 31 December 1801. On 6 August 1853, Sally West, aged 68 years, gave an affidavit in Wayne County, New York, in support of her sister's request for a pension. She stated she was present at the marriage of Nabby, "whose Maiden name was Brown," to William Wilson

in December 1801 in the Town of Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, by the Rev. Solomon Morgan. The pension was granted on 13 October 1853, and Nabby Wilson was inscribed on the Roll of Albany at $3.50 per month for five years commencing 9 August 1853. A certificate of pension was issued 18 October 1853.[1]

Nabby Wilson's pension expired on 9 August 1858. On 3 June 1858, Congress had passed an act extending the act of 3 February 1853; so on 2 April 1859, Nabby filed a declaration for renewal of her pension. She was still a resident of Savannah, where she had resided for the past nine years, and called herself 77 years old. Her nearest post office was South Butler, New York. On the same date, David J. Taylor, aged 45 years, gave an affidavit supporting the claim of Mrs. Wilson, and Sally Taylor, aged 47 years, wife of David J. Taylor and daughter of the claimant, did the same. The pension was allowed on 21 June 1859 at $3.50 per month commencing 9 August 1858. A certificate of pension was issued 24 June 1859. On 18 March 1861, Nabby Wilson applied for an increase of her pension from $3.50 to $4.00 per month retroactive to 3 February 1853. David J. Taylor and his wife Sarah, aged 47 and 49 years, gave an affidavit in support of Nabby who "resides with them & is the mother of deponent Sarah." Also on 18 March 1861, Nabby Wilson appointed P. M. Henry, Esq., of Washington, D.C., her true and lawful attorney "to obtain for me an increase of my Pension under the acts of 1853 & 1858 at the rate of fifty cents per month from the date of said Certificates. . . ." It seems that William Wilson's pay was $8.00 per month, and half pay, of course, would be $4.00. The increase to $4.00 per month was allowed on 12 April 1861 from 3 February 1853 "subject to a deduction of all payments heretofore made to her at $3 50/100 per month – from 9th August 1853 – per Certificate – No. 2503." Also on 12 April 1861, her pension from 3 February 1858 was increased to $4.00 per month subject to the deduction of payment at $3.50 per month already made from 9 August 1858 per certificate No. 1322.[1]

In her "History," Sally (Wilson) Taylor stated that her father "William Wilson enlisted in the war of 1812 and served 6 mos and died from the fatigues of war at sacketts [*sic*] Harbor and was buried there. think he died 22nd Aug 1813. his widow drew 3½ dollars per month. . . . William Wilson was acquainted with a Man by the name of Keff who was going to Scotland with William to identify him as the heir of the property of Jos [*sic*] but Keff died the night before they intended to start. . . . Obadiah Brown m[arried] Drusilla Stevens for 2nd wife . . . Children [included] Abbie Brown . . . [who] m[arried] William Wilson. 3 Chil[dren] Rila [*sic*] married Belinda Adams[;] Eliza [married] I N Shepard [and] Sally [married] D J Taylor."[16] The compiler also has in his possession another family manuscript entitled "Brown Family History, Given Orally by Mary E. Shepherd [*sic*]," and written by Miss Lillie A. West of Savannah, New York, about 1925. It is a copy of Miss West's copy written before the death of Miss Mary E. Shepard in 1923. Following is quoted the part pertaining to the Wilson family:

> Abiga[i]l was then [1812] married and had five [*sic*] children. She married a Wilson. . . . Abiga[i]l's husband Riley [*sic*, should say William] Wilson had gone to the war of 1812 and was never heard from since. He was last seen at Sacketts [*sic*] Harbor. . . . Obediah Brown who was in Revolutionary War seven years was from Canaan[,] Conn. His wife was Ursula [*sic*, should say

Drusilla] Stevens. . . . [Among] Obediah & Ursula [*sic*] Brown's Children [was] Abiga[i]l, called 'Aunt Nabby Wilson' – mother of Mrs. Shepherd [*sic*] nee Wilson, Aunt Sally Taylor, [and] Riley Wilson father of George Wilson. . . .

CHILDREN of William[2] and Nabby (Brown) **WILSON**: (Born in the Town of Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn.)[17]

8. i. RILEY[3], b. 8 Nov. 1805
9. ii. ELIZA, b. 14 Oct. 1808
10. iii. SARAH (also called SALLY), b. 21 June 1811 or 1812
iv. CHILD, d.y.

REFERENCES: 1. War of 1812 Pension File OWWid 11842, William and Nabby Wilson, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1929), 1:467; "Baptisms by the Rev. Ephraim Judson, 1781-1790," in *Taunton Daily Gazette*, Thursday evening, 13 April 1905, p. 10, on microfilm at Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Mass.

3. War of 1812 Pension File OWWid 11842 (*supra* note 1); *The Pension Roll of 1835*, 4 vols. (1835, reprint Baltimore, Md. 1968), v. 2, New York Pension Roll p. 103.

4. War of 1812 Pension File OWWid 11842 (*supra* note 1).

5. Nabby Wilson's date of birth can be calculated as 9 March 1781 from her age at death as given on her gravestone (d. 14 June 1871, ae. 90-3-5). However, her grandson, David W. Taylor, in a talk at the Taylor Family Reunion on 26 Aug. 1919, stated that his grandmother was born "March 19, 1780. – Died June 14, 1871, aged 90 yrs. 3 mo. 5 da." The latter are the same data that appear on her gravestone, so did he make a mistake in his arithmetic or did he actually have a record of her birth? His daughter knew of no such record. When Nabby's mother, Drusilla (Stevens) Brown, applied for a pension on her husband's Revolutionary War service, Nabby Wilson of Conquest, N.Y., gave a deposition on 1 Oct. 1844 which says she was 64 years old, "That Widow Drusilla Brown above named is this deponents Mother and that Obadiah Brown above named was the deponents father" [Rev. War Pension File W 18,645, Obadiah and Drusilla Brown, Mass., National Archives, Washington, D.C., and on NARA microfilm M804, Roll 375]. Another deposition was made on 16 Aug. 1844 by Drusilla's nephew, Gershom Hewitt of Canaan, Conn. He stated, among other things, "That their [Obadiah & Drusilla Brown] first Childs name was Nabby. That She was a few months older than this deponant [*sic*]." Hewitt was born in June 1780 according to the Canaan vital records. In 1840 Nabby was living in Conquest with her daughter Eliza Shepard and her age was noted as 50 and under 60, so born 1781-1790 [1840 Federal Census: New York, Cayuga Co., Conquest, "Norman Shepherd," p. 301 (NARA microfilm M704, Roll 270)]. In the 1860 Federal Census her age was given as 79 [N.Y., Wayne Co., Savannah, p. 128, #97-97 (NARA microfilm M653, Roll 876)]. The 1865 N.Y. State Census: Wayne Co., Savannah, p. 44 (*sic*), #89-89, gives her age as 85 [in Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.]; but the 1870 Federal Census: N.Y., Wayne Co., Savannah, p. 433B, #140-136 (NARA microfilm M593, Roll 1113), gives 88. In her application for a pension in 1853 she stated on 15 June she was 73 and on 9 Aug. 1853, 72. Thus it would appear that the year of birth of Nabby (Brown) Wilson cannot be determined with certainty. I have elected to use the calculated date from her gravestone.

6. Gravestone, Butler-Savannah Cemetery, South Butler, N.Y..

7. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; Stevens-Brown-Wilson Family Tree, compiled in 1912 by Norman Orlando Shepard of Skaneateles, N.Y., from data supplied by David Willmer Taylor of Savannah, N.Y., original now in possession of the compiler; *The American Genealogist*, 31(1955):80-88; Estate of Drusilla Brown, File O 350, Wayne Co. Probate Records on file in Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

8. 1800 Federal Census: Mass., Bristol Co., Taunton, p. 361 (NARA microfilm M32, Roll 19).

9. Canaan, Conn., Deeds, 6:145, at Canaan Town Clerk's Office, Falls Village, Conn., and on FHL microfilm #3940.

10. *Ibid.*, 6:146.
11. *Ibid.*, 7:23; 6:225.
12. *The Pension Roll of 1835*, 4 vols. (1835; reprint Baltimore, Md., 1968), v. 2, New York Pension Roll p. 103.
13. 1820 Federal Census: New York, Onondaga Co., Town of Marcellus, p. 123/238 (NARA microfilm M33, Roll 67); 1830 Federal Census: New York, Onondaga Co., Town of Elbridge, p. 84 (NARA microfilm M19, Roll 100).
14. 1840 Federal Census: New York, Cayuga Co., Town of Conquest, "Norman Shepherd," p. 301 (NARA microfilm M704, Roll 270); Revolutionary War Pension File W 18,645, Obadiah & Drusilla Brown, Mass., National Archives, Washington, D.C.
15. 1850 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Savannah, p. 499, #109-109 (NARA microfilm M432, Roll 613).
16. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally."
17. Letters of Guardianship No. 3, p. 99, Surrogate's Office, Onondaga County Courthouse, Syracuse, N.Y.; Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; *The Pension Roll of 1835*, 4 vols. (1835, reprint Baltimore, Md., 1968), v. 2, New York Pension Roll p. 103.

NOTE: I had the good fortune to know Mrs. Anna E. (Dunham) Cotten (1857-1955) of Savannah, N.Y., a grandniece of Nabby (Brown) Wilson, her grandmother, Permelia (Brown) Miles, being Nabby's youngest sister. Mrs. Cotten could remember her great-aunt and told the compiler about her visits with his great-great-great-grandmother. On 28 July 1954, Mrs. Cotten wrote to me and in the letter mentioned she "did now dear Aunt Nabby. I remember when I used to go with mother to Aunt Sally's [Sally (Wilson) Taylor] home I would find the dear sweet lady in the same place and that was where I wanted to stay." Thus, I talked with a lady (Mrs. Cotten) who had talked with a lady (Nabby [Brown] Wilson) who had talked with her father, Obadiah Brown, a Revolutionary War veteran. – Gerald James Parsons

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GRAVESTONE OF
NABBY (BROWN) WILSON
Butler-Savannah Cemetery
South Butler, New York

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM[2] WILSON

The following are copies of documents to be found on file in the Surrogate's Office, Onondaga County Courthouse, Syracuse, New York.

CONSENT: Original document.

Nabby Wilsons/ Consent/ filed October 25. 1819./ Geo Hall Surrogate

I hereby consent to take upon myself the
Guardianship of the persons and estate of
Riley Wilson[,] Eliza Wilson and Sally Wilson
infant children of William Wilson dece[a]sed
in case I shall be appointed thereto by
George Hall Surrogate of the County
of Onondaga – Dated October 25. 1819.
Nabby Wilson

LETTER OF GUARDIANSHIP: LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP NO. 3, page 99: (Abstract)

THE PEOPLE of the STATE OF NEW-YORK, by the
Grace of GOD, Free and Independent:
TO *Nabby Wilson*
of the town of *Marcellus* in *Onondaga* county,
send Greeting:

WHEREAS *Riley Wilson Eliza Wilson and Sally Wilson children of William Wilson* ——

late of the town of *Marcellus* in *Onondaga* county, deceased, have by *their* Petition, presented to *George Hall* Esquire, our Surrogate for our said county of *Onondaga* representing that the said *Riley was thirteen years old on the eighth day of November last Eliza was Eleven years old on the fourteenth day of October instant and the said Sally was ~~eight~~ seven years old on the twenty first day of June last* and which is likewise ascertained by the affidavit of *Nabby Wilson* filed in the office of our said Surrogate; and the said *Infants are* ~~is~~ legally entitled to *real or personal* estate in the county of *Onondaga* . . . and that *Nabby Wilson* of the town of *Marcellus* aforesaid, might be appointed Guardian of the person and estate of the said *Infants* until *they* shall attain the age of fourteen years: *AND WHEREAS* you the said *Nabby Wilson* by an instrument in writing under your hand, bearing date the *twenty fifth* day of *October instant* now on file in the Office of the said Surrogate, have consented to accept said Guardianship: . . . DO APPOINT you the said *Nabby Wilson* to be Guardian to the said Infant[s] . . . . WITNESS *George Hall* Surrogate of the said county, at *Onondaga* the *twenty fifth* day of *October* in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and *nineteen* and of our Independence the *forty fourth*
George Hall Surrogate

ONONDAGA COUNTY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP NO. 3, page 99

THE PEOPLE of the State of New-York, by the Grace of GOD, Free and Independent:

TO Nabby Wilson

(L. S.) of the town of Manlius in Onondaga county, send GREETING:

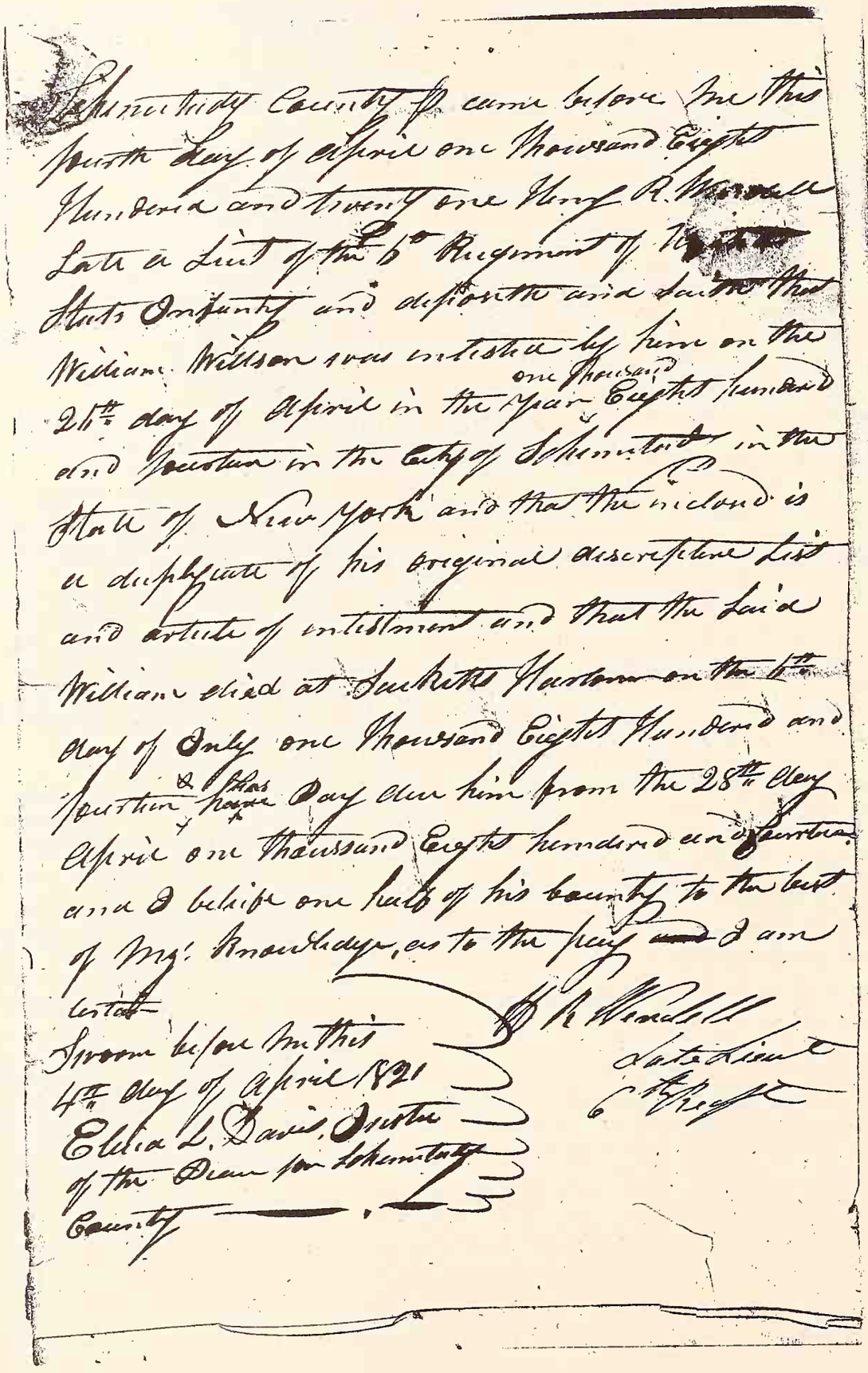
WHEREAS Riley Wilson Eliza Wilson and Sally Wilson children of William Wilson late of the town of Manlius in Onondaga county, deceased, have by their Petition, presented to George Wall Esquire, our Surrogate for our said county of Onondaga representing that the said Riley was thirteen years old on the eighth day of November last Eliza was eleven years old on the fourteenth day of October instant and the said Sally was ~~eight~~ seven years old on the twenty first day of June last and which is likewise ascertained by the affidavit of Nabby Wilson filed in the office of our said Surrogate; that the said Infants are legally entitled to real & personal estate in the county of Onondaga in which estate you the said petitioner are apprehensive the said Infants may sustain loss, for want of a proper person legally empowered to save and improve the same, and requested aid of the honorable court of our Surrogate, of and for our said county of Onondaga in the premises, in pursuance of the statute of the state of New-York, "authorising Surrogates to appoint Guardians for infants;" and that Nabby Wilson of the town of Manlius aforesaid, might be appointed Guardian of the person and estate of the said Infants until they shall attain the age of fourteen years: *And whereas* you the said Nabby Wilson by an instrument in writing under your hand, bearing date the twenty fifth day of October instant now on file in the Office of the said Surrogate, have consented to accept said Guardianship: And we being desirous that the person, interests, and estate of the said Infants should be well, diligently and faithfully managed and attended to, DO APPOINT you the said Nabby Wilson to be Guardian to the said Infant, and do grant unto you the said Nabby Wilson by these Presents, full power and authority to take proper and diligent care of the said Infant's person, education, estate and interests of every kind for the profit and benefit of said Infant, until they shall arrive at the full age of fourteen years, or until your guardianship by these presents created shall be legally annulled, and not to intermeddle with any thing but of what you may render an account: And you the said Nabby Wilson are in all things things to discharge the duty of a Guardian to said Infant, according to the Laws of this State, and to render a just and true account of such guardianship before any court having cognizance thereof, when thereunto required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS George Wall Surrogate of the said county, at Onondaga the twenty fifth day of October in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and of our Independence the forty seventh

George Wall Surrogate

SELECTED DOCUMENTS from the PENSION FILE of WILLIAM and NABBY WILSON – OWWid 11842



Schenectady County ss. came before me this
Fourth day of April one Thousand Eight
Hundred and twenty one Henry R. Wendell
late a Lieut of the 5th Regiment of N[illegible]
States Infantry and deposeth and saith that
William Wilson was enlisted by him on the
21st day of April in the year one Thousand Eight hundred
and fourteen in the City of Schenectady in the
State of New York and that the inclosed is
a duplicate of his original discriptive List
and article of enlistment and that the said
William died at Sackets Harbour on the 4th
day of July one Thousand Eight Hundred and
fourteen & that Pay due him from the 28th day
April one Thousand Eight hundred and fourteen
and a bounty of one hundred of his bounty to the best
of my knowledge, as to the pay and am
[illegible]

H R Wendell late Lieut 5th Regt

Sworn before me this
4th day of April 1821
Elisha L. Davis Justice
of the Peace for Schenectady
County

State of New-York, 1814

Wm Wilson born in Taunton State of Massachusetts County Bristol aged thirty seven years, five feet Ten inches high, of light complexion, blue – eyes, sandy hair, and by profession a founder do hereby acknowledge to have this day voluntarily enlisted as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, for during the War unless sooner discharged by proper authority: I do also agree to accept such Bounty, Pay, Rations and Clothing, as is or may be established by Law. And I Wm Wilson do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the Officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War. And I William Wilson do further solemnly swear, that I have attained the full age of thirty seven years as above stated.

Sworn and Subscribed to by him, at Schenectady this twenty fifth day of April 1814 before me,

Wm McCamon J.P.

William Wilson

I **Hereby Certify,** That I have examined the above named William Wilson and find that he is free from any disease or complaint, and able to do duty as a Soldier in the United States' service.

Signed duplicates hereof.

1814

Alex G. Fonda Surgeon

Received of H. R. Windell Lt. of the United States' Army, this twenty sixth day of April 1814 Fifty Dollars, in part of my Bounty for enlisting into the Army of the United States.

Signed duplicate Receipts. William Wilson

Dolls. 50.

WITNESS.

Received of H. R. Windell Lt. this twenty sixth day of April 1814 Eight Dollars, being the amount of Premium allowed by law for procuring the above named

James Thomas

Dolls. 8. Premium.

WITNESS.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefits of the act of 16th April 1816 and of the 3d of February 1853

State of Newyork }
County of Wayne } ss On this 15th day of June 1853. Eighteen hundred and fifty three Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mrs Nabby Wilson a Resident of Savannah in the County of Wayne and State of Newyork aged Seventy three years. who being first duly sworn according to law. doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the law of the United States passed on the 16th day of April 1816 and of the law of 3d of February 1853 That she is the widow of William Wilson late [illegible] in the month of February or March 1814 for four years in a Regiment Commanded by Colonal Millard and not know the Captains name. but think the Lieutenants name was Mudd. That she was married to the said William Wilson on the 30th day of December 1801 [illegible] her husband the aforesaid William Wilson Died in the Month of July 1824 while in the line of his duty of Defence Contracted while in the Service of the United States. and that he left this deponent his widow who has not since married but remains his widow That he left four Children him surviving. two of whom are now dead the two surviving Children are now over twenty one Years of age whose names are Elmer Shepard. and Sally Clayton That this deponent has never applyed for the benefits of the act of April 16th 1816 nor of the act of 3d February 1853. but that she applyed for her said husbands [illegible] pay and Rations about Thirty

= from Dollars. That She also Applyed for and Recved her Said Husbands bounty land. One hundred and Sixty acres/ That She Recved Said land and Sold it in the Year 1821. or 1822. That She Refers the Commissioner of Pensions to the papers on file to prove her Marriage and the death of her Said Husband

Subscribed and Sworn before me this day and Year first above written

Nabby Wilson

Reuben I Conklin Justice of the peace in and for the County of Wayne

I Certify That I am well acquainted with the above named Nabby Wilson. that She is a highly Respectable person. and is entitled to Credit. That She has the Reputation of being the Widow of William Wilson who died in the Service of the United States in the war of 1812 and I Certify That I have no interest in the Result of the Case, and am not Concerned in its prosecution

Reuben I Conklin Justice of the peace

Report to J. F. Coates
Huron Wayne Co. N.Y.

STATE OF NEW-YORK,
Wayne County Clerk's Office.

I SAXON B. GAYTT, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State above mentioned, Do hereby CERTIFY that Reuben I Conklin Esqr. whose genuine signature appears to the annexed jurat Certificat was at the time of signing the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, duly elected and sworn; that all his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit; and that the aforesaid County Court is a Court of Record, having general jurisdiction, a Clerk and seal.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, (the seal of said Court and County) at Lyons, this 6 day of July 1853.

Hyman Lyon Clerk.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE
Washington 25, D. C.

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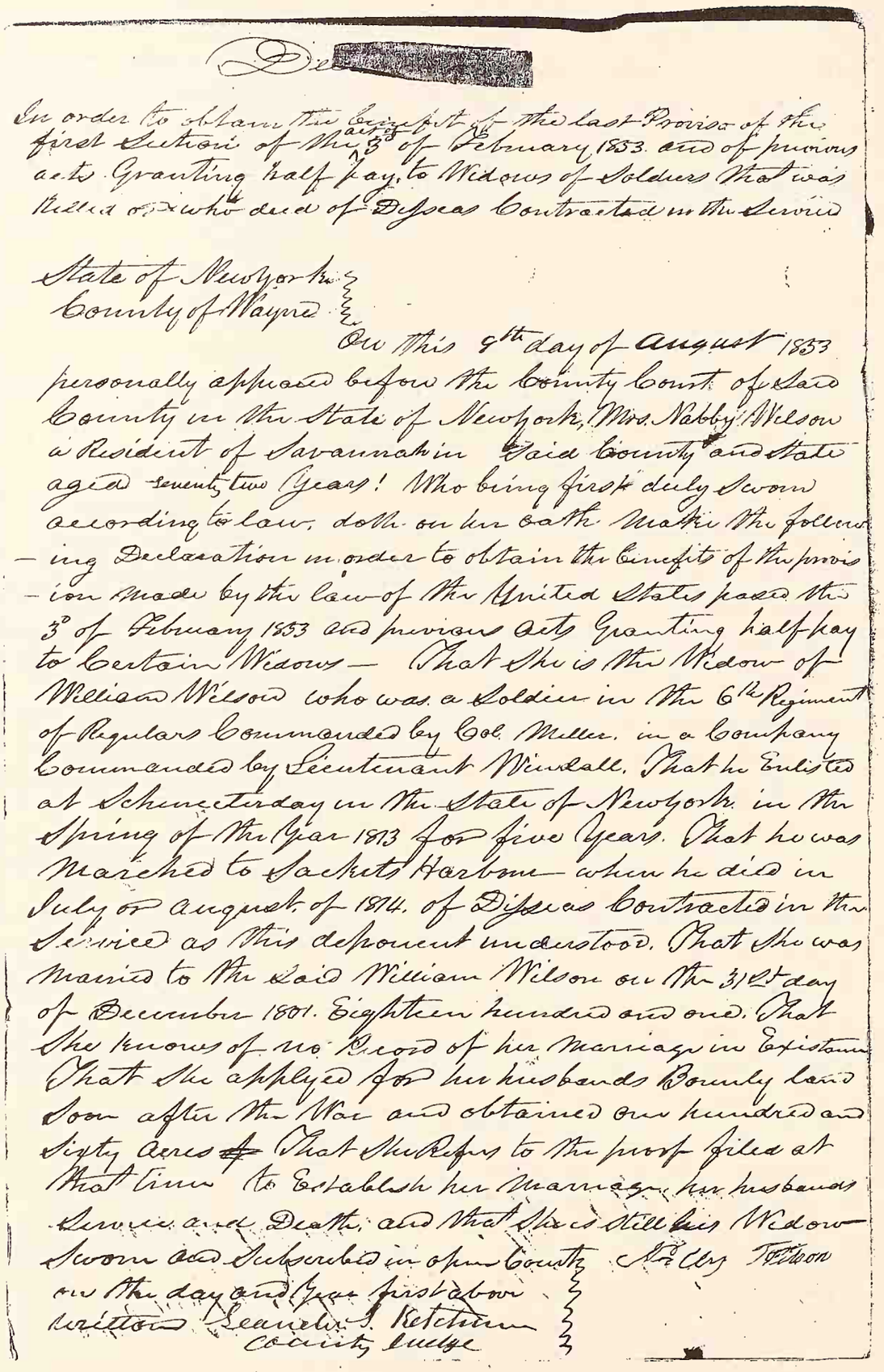
RECORDS OF THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION.
Document from the War of 1812 pension file of
William Wilson, OWWid 11 842 (RG 15).



Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the last Proviso of the first Section of the 3d of February 1853. and of previous acts Granting half pay to Widows of Soldiers that was killed or who died of Dyseas Contracted in the Service

State of New York }
County of Wayne } ss.

On this 9th day of August 1853 personally appeared before the County Court of said County in the State of New York, Mrs. Nabby Wilson a Resident of Savannah in said County and State aged seventy two Years! Who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on her oath Make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the law of the United States passed the 3d of February 1853 and previous acts Granting half pay to Certain Widows — That She is the Widow of William Wilson who was a Soldier in the 6th Regiment of Regulars Commanded by Col. Miller, in a Company Commanded by Lieutenant Wendall. That he Enlisted at Schenectady in the State of New York, in the Spring of the Year 1813 for five Years. That he was Marched to Sackets Harbour where he died in July or August of 1814. of Dyseas Contracted in the Service as this deponent understood. That She was married to the said William Wilson on the 31st day of December 1801. Eighteen hundred and one. That She knows of no Record of her Marriage in Existence That She applyed for her husbands Bounty land Soon after the War and obtained one hundred and Sixty Acres ~~of~~ That She Refers to the proof filed at that time to Establish her Marriage, her husbands Service and Death, and that She is still his Widow

Sworn and Subscribed in open County Court Nabby Wilson
on the day and Year first above
written Seaneb. S. Ketchum
County Judge

3. **MARY[2] WILSON**, daughter of John[1] and Mary (———) Wilson, was born 12 December 1769 (calculated), in Massachusetts,[1] and died 27 May 1856, aged 86 years, 5 months and 15 days (g.s.),[2] probably at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Betsey W. Bosworth, in the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, where she was living in 1850.[3] She is buried in the old Amenia Burying Ground at Amenia, New York. She married 14 December 1791, at Bristol, Rhode Island, **NATHANIEL PECK**,[4] who was born there 20 March 1767,[5] and died 20 September 1836, at La Salle, Michigan, son of Thomas and Mary (Richmond) Peck.[6]

Nathaniel and Mary (Wilson) Peck left Bristol, Rhode Island, about 1793 and settled in the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, where "Nathaniel Peck, of Bristol, R.I., purchased the Willey farm of Garret Row in 1795."[7] However, the records in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office do not reveal a transaction of this date, but do show on file a deed, dated 20 December 1804, by which Garret Row and his wife Mary of the Town of Amenia sold 117 acres of "Land situate in the said Town of Amenia" on the Oblong line for $4000.00 to Nathaniel Peck of the same town stating the property was "in his [Peck's] actual possession now being." This sale also included another piece of land containing fifty acres.[8] On 5 October 1824, Nathaniel Peck and his wife Mary sold this property, plus three pieces purchased from Robert Hebard on 9 March 1810 and also land puchased from Rufus Park in 1815, for $7342.50 to Silas and Joseph Wodell.[9] Then on 2 April 1825, Nathaniel Peck gave a lease on this farm, "whereon I now reside" containing 250 acres, for $100.00 to Oliver E. Chamberlain who had purchased the property from the Wodells.[10] About 1825, the Pecks removed to Chenango County, New York, and afterwards to La Salle, Michigan, where Nathaniel Peck died.[6]

CHILDREN of Mary[2] Wilson and Nathaniel **PECK**: (Born in the Town of Amenia, Dutchess Co., N.Y., except Thomas and possibly Samuel V.)[11]

i. THOMAS[3], b. 30 Dec. 1792, Bristol, R.I.; d. 13 Sept. 1836; unm.[11]
ii. SAMUEL V., b. 22 Nov. 1794; d. 11 Nov. 1830, in 36th yr. (g.s.), Poughkeepsie, N.Y.;[12] bur. Amenia Burying Ground, Amenia, N.Y.;[2] m. 30 Sept. 1817, PHEBE MARIA PEABODY,[12] who d. 16 Mar. 1829, in 30th yr. (g.s., Amenia Burying Ground).[2]
iii. NATHANIEL BYFIELD, b. 8 Feb. 1797; living in 1863 at Pharsalia, Chenango Co., N.Y., when he contributed data on his father's family to Ira B. Peck for the Peck genealogy and stated his mother was "Mary Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, of Taunton, Mass.";[11] m. 14 Sept. 1828, NANCY BABCOCK;[12] res. 1865 at Pharsalia, N.Y.[13]
iv. HANNAH, b. 15 Aug. 1799; d. 23 Sept. 1862, ae. 63-1-8 (g.s.), North East, N.Y.; bur. Coleman's Station Cem., north of Amenia;[14] m. 15 Sept. 1819, JOHN MILTON WHEELER of Amenia,[11] who d. 16 Feb. 1861, ae. 65-9-1 (g.s., Coleman's Station Cem.).[14]
v. MARIA, b. 27 Aug. 1801; d. 23 Aug. 1852, Grand Rapids, Mich.; m. 24 Aug. 1823, GEORGE J. BARKER.[11]
vi. JOHN, b. 28 Nov. 1803; d. 2 June 1804, Amenia, N.Y.[11]
vii. WILLIAM L., b. 7 Mar. 1806; d. 20 Feb. 1836, Santiago, Cuba; unm.[11]
viii. BETSEY, b. 9 July 1808; d. 5 Mar. 1811, ae. 2 yrs., 6 mos. (g.s.) Amenia, N.Y.[2,11]

ix. BETSEY W., b. 31 Dec. 1810; d. 5 Nov. 1857, ae. 47 (g.s.), North East, N.Y.; bur. North East Center Cem.;[15] m. 15 Jan. 1829, WILLIAM BOSWORTH,[11] who d. 30 June 1860, ae. 62 (g.s., North East Center Cem.).[15]

REFERENCES: 1. Calculated from age at death; 1850 Federal Census: New York, Dutchess Co., Town of North East, p. 305B, #319-334 (NARA microfilm M432, Roll 496).

2. *Burying Grounds of Sharon, Connecticut, Amenia and North East, New York* (Amenia, N.Y., 1903) [hereafter *Burying Grounds of Sharon, Amenia and North East*], p. 115; personal visit in Aug. 1965.

3. 1850 Federal Census: New York, Dutchess Co., Town of North East, p. 305B, #319-334.

4. Bristol, R.I., Vital Records, Transcribed Book 1, p. 95 (FHL microfilm #912,787): "This certifies whom it may concern, that Nathaniel, son of Thomas Peck and Mary his wife; also Mary the daughter of John Wilson and Mary his wife; were legally joined together in marriage, on the 14th day of Dec. 1791. By me – Henry Wight, Clerk. Recorded March 25. 1815. By Geo. Munro 2d. Town Clerk."; James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850*, 21 vols. (Providence, R.I., 1891-1912), v. 6 (1894), Bristol p. 43; Wilson Family Record No. 1 and Wilson Family Record No. 2.

5. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island* (*supra* note 4), 6:Bristol 98.

6. Ira B. Peck, *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Joseph Peck . . .* (Boston, 1868) [hereafter *Genealogical History of Descendants of Joseph Peck*], p. 155.

7. *Ibid.*; Newton Reed, *Early History of Amenia*, 1st ed. (Amenia, N.Y., 1875), p. 105; 2nd ed. (Amenia, N.Y., 1964), p. 74 (says Wiley farm).

8. Dutchess Co., N.Y., Deeds, 25:100, Dutchess Co. Clerk's Office, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and also on FHL microfilm #565,029.

9. *Ibid.*, 31:430 (FHL microfilm #565,032).

10. *Ibid.*, 33:19 (FHL microfilm #565,034).

11. *Genealogical History of Descendants of Joseph Peck*, p. 156.

12. *Ibid.*, p. 182.

13. 1865 New York State Census: Chenango Co., Town of Pharsalia, no pagination (called Byfield Peck, 68, b. Dutchess Co.).

14. *Burying Grounds of Sharon, Amenia and North East*, p. 150.

15. *Ibid.*, p. 181.

4. **NANCY[2] WILSON**, daughter of John[1] and Mary (———) Wilson, was born perhaps about 1772, in Massachusetts. According to Wilson Family Record No. 2, quoted previously, she married _____ **HYDE** and lived in the vicinity of North River, Massachusetts. So far nothing further has been found concerning her. The North River area included four towns primarily, viz., Scituate, Marshfield, Hanover and Pembroke. Hyde is a rare name in this particular area; and since the writer of Wilson Family Record No. 2 erred as to Clarissa Wilson's married name (giving Burt instead of Codding), Nancy's married name may also be in error.

5. **ELIZABETH[2] WILSON**, daughter of John[1] and Mary (———) Wilson, was born about 1775,[1] probably at Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts; was baptized there in the First Congregational Church 9 March 1781;[2] and died 27 March 1825, aged 49 years (g.s.), in the Town of Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut.[3] She married about 1810, probably in Amenia, New York, as his second wife, DEACON (also called CAPTAIN) **NOAH ROGERS**,[4] who was born 13 Ocober 1766, in Cornwall,[5] and died there 28 September 1839, aged 73 years (g.s.),[3] son of Noah and Rhoda (Leete)

Rogers.[6] Deacon Noah and Elizabeth (Wilson) Rogers are buried in the North Cornwall Cemetery.

Elizabeth Wilson, who was also called Betsey, apparently lived with her sister, Mary Peck, in Amenia, New York, for some years prior to her marriage. Noah Rogers was chosen a deacon in the North Cornwall Congregational Church in 1816 and served twenty years.[7] He made his will 27 June 1836, in which he named his "present wife" Abigail; daughters: Lydia Pratt, Rhoda Hart, Abigail Pratt, Eliza Norton, and Amanda Rogers; and sons: Noah, Jr., Daniel L., John C., and Ambrose S. Rogers.[8]

CHILDREN of Elizabeth[2] Wilson and Noah **ROGERS**: (Born in the Town of Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn.)[9]

i. ELIZA M.[3], b. 1812; m. 12 Nov. 1834, Cornwall, Conn., Rev. AUGUSTUS NORTON;[10] on 13 Nov. 1840, they were residents of Alton, Ill.[8]

ii. AMBROSE SPENCER, b. 21 or 22 May 1815;[11] d. 20 Feb. 1882, Middletown, Conn.; bur. Center Cem., New Milford, Conn.;[12] m. (1) 5 May 1842, Sharon, Conn., CORNELIA E. HAMLIN,[13] b. 8 Aug. 1821; d. 20 Mar. 1868;[14] m. (2) 7 Apr. 1869, ELLEN TURNBULL THOMPSON,[15] b. 24 May 1832; d. 16 Feb. 1901;[14] He graduated from Union College in 1840 and attended Union Theological Seminary in 1840-41;[16] opened a family boarding school called The Adelphic Institute at North Cornwall in 1847 and continued there until 1860, when he moved the school to New Milford, Conn., where it became a famous school for boys and where he taught until Sept. 1876, a total of 29 years.[17] His widow was a resident of New York City in 1897.[18]

iii. AMANDA, b. 1817; m. 11 Aug. 1841, Cornwall, Conn., Rev. ALMON BRADLEY PRATT,[19] who d. 28 Dec. 1875, Camp Creek, Nebraska.[20]

REFERENCES: 1. Calculated from age at death.

2. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1929), 1:467.

3. Inscriptions from North Cornwall Cemetery, Cornwall, Conn., at Connecticut State Library, Hartford, by letter dated 20 July 1965.

4. Theodore S. Gold, *Historical Records of the Town of Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut* (Hartford, 1877) [hereafter, Gold, *Cornwall*], p. 262; Wilson Family Record No. 2.

5. Cornwall VRs, 1:77, in Barbour Collection of Conn. Vital Records, at Connecticut State Library and on microfilm at many other libraries.

6. Gold, *Cornwall*, p. 262.

7. *Ibid.*, pp. 147-148.

8. Litchfield Probate District Records, File No. 4973, Estate of Noah Rogers, Cornwall, 1839, at Connecticut State Library.

9. *Ibid.*; Gold, *Cornwall*, pp. 262-263.

10. Cornwall VRs, 3:38, in Barbour.

11. Gravestone (22 May); Rev. Charles Ripley Gillett, comp., *Alumni Catalogue of the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, 1836-1926* (New York, 1926) [hereafter Gillett, *Alumni Cat. Union Theological Seminary*], p. 25 (21 May).

12. Inscriptions from Center Cemetery, New Milford, Conn., at Connecticut State Library, by letter dated 20 July 1965; Gillett, *Alumni Cat. Union Theological Seminary*, p. 25.

13. Sharon VRs, LR22:470, in Barbour.

14. Inscriptions from Center Cemetery, New Milford (*supra* note 12).

15. Lucy Ann (Morris) Carhart, *Genealogy of the Morris Family* (New York, 1911), p. 328.
16. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, *Union University*, 3 vols. (New York, 1907), 3:appendix 96.
17. Gold, *Cornwall*, p. 39; Samuel Orcutt, *History of the Towns of New Milford and Bridgewater, Connecticut, 1703-1882* (Hartford, 1882), pp. 481-482; *Two Centuries of New Milford, Connecticut* (New York, 1907), p. 92.
18. New Milford Probate District Records, File No. 2226, Estate of Ambrose S. Rogers, at Connecticut State Library, Hartford.
19. Cornwall VRs, 3:63, in Barbour; Gold, *Cornwall*, p. 270.
20. Gold, *Cornwall*, p. 149.

6. **CLARISSA[2] WILSON**, daughter of John[1] and Mary (———) Wilson, was born about October 1779, at Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts;[1] was baptized there in the First Congregational Church 9 March 1781;[2] and died 13 February 1868, aged 88 years and 4 months, at 87 Point Street, Providence, Rhode Island.[3] She married 14 November 1804, at Taunton, **AUGUSTUS FREDERICK CODDING**,[4] who died after 1820 and before 8 September 1849, at which time Clarissa was a widow and residing at Taunton.[5]

Augustus Codding last appeared in Taunton in the 1820 Federal Census, and no further record of him has been found. Neither he nor Clarissa appear in the 1830 and 1840 Federal Census indexes. In 1849 widow Clarissa Codding was living in Taunton, as the following deeds reveal, and removed to Rehoboth, Massachusetts. She was listed there in the 1850 and 1860 Federal Censuses.[6] On 31 January 1842, Jacob Leonard of Foxborough, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, for $662.50 deeded to Augustus Codding, ironfounder, and Clarissa Codding, single woman, both of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, two parcels of land in the northeasterly part of Rehoboth. One parcel contained three acres and the other five acres with all the buildings thereon.[7] Seven years later on 8 September 1849, Clarissa Codding, single woman, of Taunton for $100.00 released to "Widow Clarissa Codding," also of Taunton, "the use and improvement of all my real estate [in Rehoboth] for and during her life, after her death then to be at an end and come to me or my heirs." The real estate consisted of one undivided half of about ten acres of land and buildings being the same that Clarissa bought of Jacob Leonard.[8] Nine days later (17 September 1849), Clarissa Codding, single woman, of Rehoboth, quitclaimed for $200.00 to Augustus Codding of Rehoboth all her right in a tract of land with the buildings, "it being the same which I have recently conveyed for her life to my mother, Clarissa Codding & [is] the same which I purchased of Jacob Leonard."[9] On the same day, Augustus Codding gave a bond in the sum of $300.00 to Clarissa. "The condition of this obligation is such, That whereas the said Clarissa Codding has this day conveyed to me the said Augustus Codding, all her right, title & interest in and to a certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon, situate in Rehoboth aforesaid, it being the same which she had conveyed for her life to her mother, Clarissa Codding, & the same which she purchased of Jacob Leonard – Now, Therefore if the said Clarissa Codding Junior, shall, at any time become needy & in want, & if I the said Augustus Codding at such time shall, upon her request, convey to her the said property, or the improvement of the same, as she shall, in writing, request, then this bond shall be null & void, otherwise to remain in full force."[10] On 4 September 1877, Augustus Codding of the city and county of Providence, Rhode Island, for $10.00 deeded to

George H. Codding of Providence several tracts of land including two parcels in Rehoboth. One piece contained three acres "being the same land which Ellis Leonard conveyed to Jacob Leonard by deed dated February 29. A.D. 1832 and by said Jacob Leonard conveyed to this grantor & his sister Clarissa Codding by deed dated January first 1842 and recorded in Bristol County Land records No. District in Book 165 at page 98." The other piece contained five acres and was "conveyed [by Jacob Leonard] to this grantor and his sister Clarissa Codding by deed dated January first 1842 and recorded in Bristol County North District records Book 165 page 98." Both of these "pieces of land were conveyed to this grantor by deed from Clarissa Codding dated September 17th 1849 and recorded in Bristol County North District in Book 194 pages 323 and 324."[11] Then on the same day, George H. Codding sold all these lands to Susan E. Codding, wife of Augustus Codding, for $10.00.[12]

Clarissa (Wilson) Codding later removed to Providence, Rhode Island, probably to the home of her son Augustus, where she died. The *Providence Daily Journal*, Saturday morning, 15 February 1868, page 2, column 6, under "Died" states: "In this city, 13th inst. Clarissa Codding, widow of the late Augustus S. [*sic*] Codding, aged 88 years and 4 months."[13]

CHILDREN of Clarissa[2] Wilson and Augustus Frederick **CODDING**: (Born at Taunton, Mass.)[14]

i. CLARISSA[3], b. about 1806;[15] dead by 1871;[16] m. (int. 1 Sept. 1849, Taunton, and 2 Sept. 1849, Rehoboth, Mass.) PHILIP ELLIS WILLIAMS of Taunton;[17] n.i.
ii. WILLIAM, b. about 1809;[18] in 1870 living in alms house, Rehoboth, Mass.;[19] unm.
iii. DAUGHTER
iv. DAUGHTER
v. AUGUSTUS, b. about 1816;[20] m. (int. 15 Aug. 1846, Rehoboth, and 16 Aug. 1846, Attleborough, Mass.) SUSAN ELVIRA PARMENTER of Attleborough;[21] res. Rehoboth, Mass., and Providence, R.I.

REFERENCES: 1. Calculated from age at death.

2. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1929) [hereafter *Vital Records of Taunton*], 1:467.

3. Rhode Island Dept. of Vital Statistics, State House, Providence, "Deaths for 1868," p. 1100.

4. *Vital Records of Taunton*, 2:110, 538.

5. Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 193:264, Bristol Co. Registry of Deeds, Northern District, Taunton, Mass. Augustus Codding last appeared in Taunton in the 1820 Federal Census.

6. 1850 Federal Census: Mass., Bristol Co., Rehoboth, p. 316B, #259-320 (NARA microfilm M432, Roll 307); 1860 Federal Census: Mass., Bristol Co., Rehoboth, p. 213, #197-233 (NARA microfilm M653, Roll 489); both list Clarissa Codding and William Codding.

7. Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 165:98.

8. *Ibid.*, 193:264.

9. *Ibid.*, 194:323-324.

10. *Ibid.*, 194:324.

11. *Ibid.*, 364:324-327.

12. *Ibid.*, 364:327-329.

13. Copied by Francis Richmond Sears, genealogist, Swansea, Mass., 1 Sept. 1952.

14. Bristol Co. Deeds, above, reveal two children, Clarissa and Augustus, and the 1850 and 1860 Federal Censuses (*supra* note 6) a son William. The 1820 Federal Census for Taunton, p. 255, shows that the family of Augustus "Coding" consisted of himself and wife, 26-45; 1 male and 1 female 10-16; and 1 male and 2 females under 10 (NARA microfilm M33, Roll 47).

15. Clarissa was 44 in 1850 [1850 Federal Census: Mass., Bristol Co., Taunton, p. 257, #1801-1843 (family of Philip E. Williams) (NARA microfilm M432, Roll 307)].

16. Philip E. Williams made his will 4 May 1871 and no wife was mentioned [Bristol Co. Probate Records, 185:635, Bristol Co. Registry of Probate, Taunton].

17. *Vital Records of Taunton*, 2:110, 538; James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642-1896* (Providence, R.I., 1897) [hereafter Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*], p. 442.

18. Age given as 61 in 1870 Federal Census: Mass., Bristol Co., Rehoboth, p. 344, #409-460 (NARA microfilm M593, Roll 605).

19. *Ibid.* (living in alms house).

20. Age given as 64 in 1880 Federal Census: R.I., Providence Co., Providence City, p. 449B, 87 Point St., #9-16 (NARA microfilm T9, Roll 1212).

21. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, p. 442; *Vital Records of Attleborough, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass., 1934), p. 377.

7. **JOHN[2] WILSON**, son of John[1] and Susanna (Mayberry) Wilson, was born after 1784 and undoubtedly by 1795. The Wilson Family Record No. 1 states that John[1] Wilson had a son John by his second wife. The 1800 Federal Census lists John's widow Susanna in Taunton, Massachusetts, with one male, aged 16 to 26, and one female under 10.[1] This is the correct age bracket for Susanna's stepson, William[2] Wilson, and this male may possibly be William. However, there is the possibility that the census taker marked the wrong age column and this male is John[2]. It would seem as though John, who must have been under 16 years of age in 1800, would be living with his mother; but then he could have been "bound out" or apprenticed to some local tradesman.

It is interesting to note that William L. Chaffin in his book, *A Biographical History of Robert Randall and His Descendants, 1608-1909* (New York, 1909), on page 63, states that Eunice Randall, b. 10 Nov. 1797; d. 10 Dec. 1883, Kingston, Massachusetts, daughter of John and Hannah (Puffer) Randall of Easton, Massachusetts, married 3 November 1816, John Wilson, b. 1791; d. 17 Dec. 1828, "s[on] of Capt. John, of Taunton"; and that Eunice's half sister, Ermina Randall, b. 27 Feb. 1805; m. 10 May 1830, Eliphalet Wilson, b. 9 Apr. 1808; d. 26 Apr. 1875, Mansfield, "s[on] of Capt. John, of Taunton." The Easton vital records say that "Mr. John Willson [was married] to Miss Eunice Randell both of Easton" on 3 November 1816.[2] Taunton vital records show that Eliphalet Wilson of Easton entered intentions of marriage 4 April 1830 at Taunton with Almira (*sic*) Randall of Taunton.[3]

Chaffin's statements would indicate that the two men were brothers; and if true, then this "Capt. John [Wilson] of Taunton" is not our John, for he had died by 1800 and therefore could not be the father of Eliphalet born in 1808. The death certificate of Eliphalet Wilson states that he died 25 April 1875, at Mansfield, Massachusetts, aged 67 years and 16 days, was born at Easton, and was son of "John Wilson" born at Easton; mother's name marked "Not known."[4] However, there is the bare possibility that Chaffin was correct as to the father of John but incorrect as to the father of Eliphalet; and

that Eliphalet (about 17 years younger than John) was a son, by an unknown first wife, of John Wilson, husband of Eunice Randall. There was no John Wilson in Taunton or Easton in the 1800 or 1810 Federal Censuses.

Sarah[3] (Wilson) Taylor stated in her "History" that she had heard of a John Wilson, butcher, at Onondaga Hollow, who she thought might be her father's half brother.[5] Onondaga Hollow, more popularly called and known as Onondaga Valley, was in the Town of Onondaga, Onondaga County, New York, until January 1927, when it was annexed to and became a part of the City of Syracuse. A search of the 1820, 1830, 1840 and 1850 Federal Censuses and 1855 New York State Census failed to find any John Wilson in the Town of Onondaga, nor was he listed in the business directories of Onondaga County for 1868, 1878 and 1881.[6]

If John[2] Wilson lived to marry and have children, we cannot say definitely at this time.

REFERENCES: 1. 1800 Federal Census: Massachusetts, Bristol Co., Taunton, p. 361 (NARA microfilm M32, Roll 19).

2. Vital records of Easton, 1:288, at Easton Town Clerk's Office, North Easton, Mass., and on microfiche in Jay Mack Holbrook, Massachusetts Vital Records: Easton, 1693-1900 (Oxford, Mass., 1992), fiche 6.

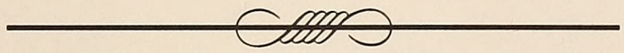
3. *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1929), 2:539.

4. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Vital Statistics: Year 1875, v. 274, p. 117, No. 14.

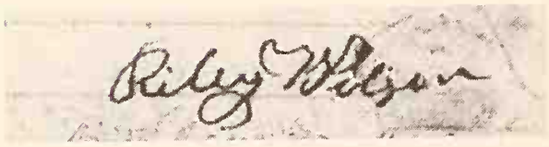
5. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally."

6. These censuses on microfilm and the business directories are in the Local History and Genealogy Dept., Onondaga County Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

Third Generation



GRAVESTONE OF
BELINDA (ADAMS) WILSON
Shepard Settlement Cemetery
Skaneateles, New York
(Note that her husband's name was omitted.)



AUTOGRAPH OF RILEY[3] WILSON

THIRD GENERATION

8. **RILEY**[3] **WILSON**, only son of William[2] (*John*[1]) and Nabby (Brown) Wilson, was born 8 November 1805, in the Town of Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut,[1] and died after 4 February 1847 and before 27 August 1850, perhaps at Fulton, Oswego County, New York.[2] He married (1) before 1835, **BELINDA ADAMS**,[3] who was born 20 November 1808, in the Town of Skaneateles (then Marcellus), Onondaga County, New York, and died 30 October 1837, aged 28 years, 11 months and 22 days (g.s.),[4] in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York, daughter of John Adams, Esq., and Sarah (Baker) Adams.[5] Riley Wilson married (2) about 1844, **ANNE** or **ANNA MOSMAN**,[6] who was born about 1813, in New York State, and was living in Fulton, Oswego County, New York, in August 1850.[7] Belinda Wilson is buried on her father's lot in the Shepard Settlement Cemetery in the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York. The burial place of Riley Wilson is unknown.

Riley Wilson accompanied his parents to Schenectady, New York, before 1814 and his widowed mother to Onondaga County, New York, before 1819, when they were residing in the Town of Marcellus. Before 1830 Riley Wilson settled in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, where he was a builder and millwright.[8] On 26 January 1830, Riley Wilson of Elbridge purchased for $1015.00 from John Clark and his wife Polly of Elbridge a fifty five acre farm on lot 74 in the Town of Elbridge.[9] For some reason Riley Wilson sold this property on 1 October 1830 to his mother, Nabby Wilson of Elbridge, for $950.00.[10] On 11 February 1831, Riley Wilson and Nabby Wilson mortgaged this farm to William M. Canfield of Elbridge for $98.62.[11] This mortgage was discharged on 11 February 1832.[12] Then on 8 April 1835, Belinda Wilson and Nabby Wilson, both of Elbridge, sold this farm for $1500.00 to Thomas W. Hill of Elbridge "it being the same land that is now occupied by Riley Wilson."[13]

On or before 12 August 1835, Ansel M. Gardner and Otis H. Gardner brought suit against Riley Wilson and David Taylor in Justice's Court in Wayne County, New York, "in an action of trespass." Three declarations were filed by the Gardners. The first was against David Taylor and Riley Wilson, and the second was against Riley Wilson alone. The plaintiffs declared that the defendants at Wolcott, Wayne County, on 15 June 1835 "& on divers other days & times between that day & the commencement of this suit with force & arms &c broke & entered the close of the Plaintiffs situate in the Town of Wolcott aforesaid being a certain meadow & wheat field lying on the north side of the road on the western part of the middle subdivision of lot number 60 in the Township of Sterling (now Wolcott) and with horses[,] cattle[,] hogs &c eat up[,] trod down[,] tore up[,] and distroyed [*sic*] the grain[,] wheat[,] herbage and grass thereon growing & being & with servants &c cut and carried away the grass[,] hay &c thereon growing & being and other injuries" done to the plaintiffs in the amount of $50.00 each. The third suit was brought by the Gardners against Riley Wilson for trespass on 16 June 1835 in the Town of Wolcott "being a certain cornfield lying on the south side of the road being in the western part of the middle subdivision of lot number 60 in the Township of Sterling (now Wolcott)." The Gardners alledged that Riley Wilson "with

horses[,] cattle[,] hogs &c trod down[,] tore up[,] eat up and distroyed [*sic*] the corn[,] grass and herbage therein growing . . . to the damage of the said Plaintiffs of $50."

On 12 August 1835, before Philander Mitchell, Esq., justice of the peace, Riley Wilson by C. F. Clark, his attorney, replied that he was "not guilty of the said trespasses." Clark notified the Gardners 'that the defendant on the trial of this Cause will prove that that [*sic*] the Corn[,] grass and herbage alledged to have be[e]n Eat up[,] trod down and destroyed as mentioned in said plaintiffs declaration . . . is the soil and close & freehold of the said Defendant." Also on this date, Riley Wilson and Manlius W. Gage as surety posted a bond for $100.00. "Whereas in an action before Philander Mitchel[l] Esquire Justice of the Peace of the said County of Wayne in which the above named Ansel M Gardner and Otis Gardner as plaintiff and the above bound Riley Wilson as defendant, the said Riley has pleaded the General issue and gives notice therewith showing that the title to [the] Land will Come in question in the said suit. Now therefore [if the said] Ansel M Gardner and Otis H Gardner shall Commence a suit in the Court of Common pleas of the said County of Wayne within thirty days hereafter for the same Cause of action wherein he [*illegible*] before the said Justice then the Condition of this obligation is such that if the said Riley Wilson shall appear and put in a special bail in the said Court within twenty days after the return of process in said suit then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force."

Also on the same date, David Taylor and Riley Wilson by their attorney, C. F. Clark, came before the court and declared they were not guilty of the trespasses mentioned by the Gardners in their declaration. The defendants said they would "give in Evidence on the trial of this Cause that the said close mentioned in said plaintiffs declaration and in which said trespasses are therein alledged to have bin [*sic*] Committed now is and at the said time . . . was the close[,] soil and freehold of them the said Riley Wilson and David Taylor to wit at the town of Wolcott, County of Wayne aforesaid." The records of the Wayne County Court of Common Pleas show entries on 17 October 1835 for Ansel M. Gardner and Otis H. Gardner vs. Riley Wilson (two entries); and the Gardners vs. Riley Wilson and David Taylor (one entry); and the Gardners vs. Riley Wilson and Manlius W. Gage (three entries), on filing declarations and on motion of W. S. Stow, attorney for the plaintiffs. An entry was also made on 4 January 1836 for the Gardners vs. Riley Wilson. Unfortunately, nothing further appears. However, the suit was apparently settled before arbitrators according to a brief by William S. Stow of Clyde, New York, who was the attorney for the Gardners, but the final outcome is not known.[14] There are no deeds for Riley Wilson or the Gardners on file in Wayne County.

In 1840 Riley Wilson and his son George were undoubtedly living with his sister and brother-in-law, David J. and Sarah (Wilson) Taylor, in the Town of Elbridge.[15] In 1847 Riley Wilson was living in the Town of Mentz, Cayuga County, New York.[16] He died before 27 August 1850, place unknown but possibly Fulton, Oswego County, New York, where his widow Anne was residing on that date.[2] His son, George R. Wilson, stated in an insurance policy that Riley died of typhoid fever at the age of about 48

years, and that Belinda, his mother, died at the age of about 30 years of pneumonia he presumed.[17]

No probate for Riley Wilson has been found.

CHILDREN of Riley[3] and Belinda (Adams) **WILSON**:[18]

11. i. GEORGE RILEY[4], b. 6 Jan. 1835, Town of Elbridge, Onondaga Co., N.Y.
ii. SON, d. age 2
iii. SON, d. age 1
iv. DAUGHTER, d.y.

CHILDREN of Riley[3] and Anne/Anna (Mosman) **WILSON**:[19]

v. ANNE ELIZA, b. about 1845; res. in Fulton, N.Y., 1850;[2] no further record.
vi. SARAH BELINDA, b. 4 Feb. 1847, Town of Mentz, Cayuga Co., N.Y.; res. in Fulton, N.Y., in 1850;[2] no further record.

REFERENCES: 1. Letters of Guardianship No. 3, p. 99, Surrogate's Office, Onondaga Co. Courthouse, Syracuse, N.Y.

2. 1850 Federal Census: New York, Oswego Co., Town of Volney, Village of Fulton, p. 298, #656-727, 27 Aug. 1850, Anne Wilson, 37, b. N.Y.; Anne E. Wilson, 5, b. N.Y.; and Sarah B. Wilson, 3, b. N.Y. (NARA microfilm M432, Roll 597).

3. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; Stevens-Brown-Wilson Family Tree, compiled by Norman Orlando Shepard of Skaneateles, N.Y., from data supplied by David Willmer Taylor, 23 Feb. 1912, now in the possession of the compiler.

4. Gravestone in Shepard Settlement Cemetery, Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N.Y. This stone is on the lot of her father, John Adams, Esq., and was undoubtedly erected by him as it does not give her husband's name.

5. Arthur Adams and James L. Adams, Jr., "American Adams Family History of Mr. John Davis Adams, of Memphis, N.Y., . . ." (typescript, Sept. 1936), p. 9; Lesley E. Voorhees, "Lysander and Van Buren Families" (typescript, n.d.), Adams family p. 3, both in Local History and Genealogy Dept., Onondaga County Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.; Will of John Adams, Onondaga Co. Wills, K:197-201, Surrogate's Office, Onondaga Co. Courthouse, Syracuse, N.Y.

6. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally."

7. 1850 Federal Census: New York, Oswego Co., Town of Volney, Village of Fulton, p. 298, #656-727 (NARA microfilm M432, Roll 597). The surname Mosman does not appear in Elbridge, so the origin of Anne/Anna is not known. She did not appear in Fulton in the 1855 New York State Census nor is she in the indexes to the 1860 Federal Census. It is likely she remarried, and the daughters were perhaps listed under their stepfather's name as I could not turn them up in the 1860 indexes either.

8. George W. Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 229.

9. Onondaga Co. Deeds, TT:134, Onondaga Co. Clerk's Office, Onondaga Co. Courthouse, Syracuse, N.Y. and also on FHL microfilms #869,678 & #872,508.

10. *Ibid.*, SS:127, Onondaga Co. Clerk's Office (FHL microfilms #869,677 & #872,508).

11. Onondaga Co. Mortgages, V:62-63, Onondaga Co. Clerk's Office (FHL microfilm #869,710).

12. *Ibid.*, 29:422, Onondaga Co. Clerk's Office (FHL microfilm #869,714).

13. Onondaga Co. Deeds, 57:447, Onondaga Co. Clerk's Office (FHL microfilms #869,685 & #873,058).

14. From documents in the DeLancey Stow Memorial Collection, in the Manuscripts Division, New York Public Library, New York City (photostat copies obtained by the compiler in March 1951); Wayne Co. Court of Common Pleas records, Wayne Co. Clerk's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

15. 1840 Federal Census: New York, Onondaga Co., Town of Elbridge, p. 314 (NARA microfilm M704, Roll 318).

16. The birth of his daughter Sarah Belinda on 4 Feb. 1847 was recorded in Mentz.

17. Application of George R. Wilson for insurance with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, in possession of the compiler.

18. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; George W. Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 229.

19. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; Flora B. Daniells, comp., "Births, Marriages & Deaths in Cayuga County, New York 1847-1848-1849 & 1850" (typescript, 1961), births p. 22, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.; *Supra* note 2.

9. **ELIZA**[3] **WILSON**, daughter of William[2] (*John*[1]) and Nabby (Brown) Wilson, was born 14 October 1808, in the Town of Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut,[1] and died 7 September 1882 (g.s.), at Skaneateles, New York.[2] She married 11 February 1829, **ISAAC NORMAN SHEPARD**,[3] who was born 19 November 1806 (g.s.), in the Town of Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut,[4] and died 5 April 1891 (g.s.), at Skaneateles,[5] son of Eliphalet Hull and Catharine (Duncombe) Shepard.[6] Isaac N. and Eliza (Wilson) Shepard are buried in the Shepard Settlement Cemetery in the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York.

The Shepard family resided in the Town of Skaneateles most of their lives, but in the 1840s they lived for a time in the Town of Conquest, Cayuga County, New York.[7] During the last years of their lives, Isaac N. and Eliza Shepard lived in the village of Skaneateles. In his will, dated 16 February 1884 and proved 14 November 1892, Isaac N. Shepard named his daughter Mary E., his son Norman Orlando, and his grandsons, Norman Jerome Hoag and Clarence Shepard "Billiard," the last three named executors.[8]

CHILDREN of Eliza[3] Wilson and Isaac Norman **SHEPARD**: (Born in the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N.Y., except the youngest)[9]

i. CATHARINE[4], b. 5 Apr. 1830 (g.s.); d. 16 Feb. 1850 (g.s.); bur. Shepard Settlement Cem.;[10] unm.

12. ii. PERMELIA, b. 22 Dec. 1831

13. iii. ABIGAIL (called ABBIE), b. 26 Aug. 1833

iv. MARY ELIZA, b. 30 Dec. 1837 (g.s.); d. 23 Oct. 1923 (g.s.), Onondaga, N.Y.;[11] bur. Shepard Settlement Cem.; unm.

14. v. NORMAN ORLANDO, b. 3 Aug. 1847, Town of Conquest, Cayuga Co., N.Y.[12]

REFERENCES: 1. Letters of Guardianship No. 3, p. 99, Surrogate's Office, Onondaga County Courthouse, Syracuse, N.Y.; Gravestone; Thelma Shepard Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement, Town of Skaneateles and Some of Its Early Settlers" (typescript, 1968) [hereafter Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement"], pp. 13 (cemetery p. 11), 100, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.; Isaac N. Shepard family Bible [*The Holy Bible* . . . (New York, Pratt, Woodford & Co., 1848);

ISAAC NORMAN SHEPARD and ELIZA (WILSON) SHEPARD
1806 – 1891 1808 – 1882

SARAH (WILSON) TAYLOR and DAVID J. TAYLOR
1811/12 – 1887 1813 – 1879

hereafter Isaac N. Shepard family Bible], original was owned by the late Abbie R. Shepard and Thelma (Shepard) Kuhl, and photocopies of the records are in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, 2002, and Gerald J. Parsons, Syracuse, N.Y.

2. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible; gravestone; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 13.
3. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible.
4. Records in Bible of Catharine (Duncombe) Shepard [*The Holy Bible* . . . (Cooperstown, N.Y., H. & E. Phinney, 1832)], in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, 2002; photocopy in possession of the compiler; Gravestone; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 13; Gerald Faulkner Shepard, comp., and Donald Lines Jacobus, ed., *The Shepard Families of New England*, 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn., 1972) [hereafter Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*], 2:319.
5. Death certificate of Isaac N. Shepard, 1891, #13844, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; Isaac N. Shepard family Bible; Gravestone; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 13.
6. Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*, 2:149-150, 319.
7. 1840 Federal Census: New York, Cayuga Co., Town of Conquest, p. 301 (NARA microfilm M704, Roll 270).
8. Estate of Isaac N. Shepard, Onondaga Co. Wills, 35:3, Surrogate's Office, Onondaga County Courthouse, Syracuse, N.Y.
9. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible; Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*, 2:320.
10. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible; Gravestone; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 13.
11. Death certificate of Mary E. "Shepherd," 1923, #62692, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany; Isaac N. Shepard family Bible; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 13
12. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible; Flora B. Daniells, comp., "Births, Marriages & Deaths in Cayuga County, New York 1847-1848-1849 & 1850" (typescript, 1961), births p. 11, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

10. **SARAH** (also called **SALLY**)[3] **WILSON**, daughter of William[2] (*John*[1]) and Nabby (Brown) Wilson, was born 21 June 1811 or 1812, in the Town of Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut,[1] and died 26 January 1887, aged 85 years, 7 months and 5 days (g.s.), on the Taylor farm in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York.[2] She married 31 January 1833, **DAVID J. TAYLOR**,[3] who was born 4 May 1813, in Onondaga County, New York, and died 20 April 1879, aged 65 years, 11 months and 16 days (g.s.), at his farm in the Town of Savannah,[5] son of John and Fanny (Corwin) Taylor of Elbridge, New York.[6] David J. and Sarah (Wilson) Taylor are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, New York[7]

The Taylors lived in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York, until about 1844 when they moved to the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York. The earliest deed on file for them in Wayne County is dated 6 October 1852, when Daniel Campbell and his wife Sarah of Elbridge sold to David J. Taylor and his wife Sarah of the Town of Savannah for $933.40 a farm on lot 38 in Savannah.[8] Apparently the Taylors had lived in Wayne County previously as their eldest daughter declared in the New York State Census that she was born there. It is likely they lived in the Town of Wolcott where Riley[3] Wilson and David J. Taylor claimed title to a piece of property on lot 60.[9]

Aunt Sally Taylor, as she was known in the family, and her husband were the foster parents of her nephew, George R. Wilson. Her history of the Wilson family as written down by her nephew, Norman Orlando Shepard, appears on pages 1-9.

CHILDREN of Sarah[3] Wilson and David J. **TAYLOR**: (1st born Wayne Co., N.Y.; 2-4, Town of Elbridge, Onondaga Co., N.Y.; 5-8, Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[10]

15. i. CLARISSA ADELL[4], b. 22 July 1836[4]
16. ii. URSULA ELIZA, b. 27 July 1838[4]
17. iii. JOHN POWEL, b. 3 Feb. 1840[11]
18. iv. SARAH A., b. 5 Sept. 1842[12]
19. v. FANNIE DRUSILLA, b. 1 Dec. 1847[13]
    vi. DAVID ELMER, b. 18 June 1851 (calculated); d. 5 Nov. 1851, ae. 4 mos., 17 days (g.s., Butler-Savannah Cem.).[14]
20. vii. DAVID WILLMER, b. 22 Oct. 1852[15]
21. viii. ABBIE SOPHIA, b. 15 July 1855[16]

REFERENCES: 1. Letters of Guardianship No. 3, p. 99, Surrogate's Office, Onondaga County Courthouse, Syracuse, N.Y. (says b. 21 June 1812); David J. Taylor family Bible, in possession of John Melvin Taylor, South Butler, N.Y., in 1940, present whereabouts unknown. This Bible gave Sarah's date of birth as 21 June 1811.

2. Death certificate of Sarah Taylor, 1887, #2677, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; Gravestone.

3. David J. Taylor family Bible; Edward Tanjore Corwin, *The Corwin Genealogy . . . in the United States* (New York, 1872) [hereafter *The Corwin Genealogy*], p. 41.

4. David J. Taylor family Bible.

5. Gravestone; "Wayne County, New York, Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.) [hereafter "Wayne Co., N.Y., Cemetery Records"] (Butler-Savannah Cemetery, copied by Clyde B. Wood, 1970), 2: 108, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

6. *The Corwin Genealogy*, p. 67,

7. "Wayne Co., N.Y., Cemetery Records," 2:108.

8. Wayne Co., N.Y., Deeds, 56:101-102, Wayne Co. Clerk's Office, Lyons, N.Y., and also on FHL microfilm #479,448; original deed in possession of the compiler.

9. See account of lawsuilt in sketch of Riley[3] Wilson, No. 8, pp. 55-56.

10. Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; Stevens-Brown-Wilson Family Tree, compiled by Norman Orlando Shepard of Skaneateles, N.Y., from data supplied by David Willmer Taylor, 23 Feb. 1912, now in the possession of the compiler; *The Corwin Genealogy*, p. 41 (errs by giving Elnora instead of Elmer).

11. David J. Taylor family Bible; Records from the Bible of John P. Taylor, courtesy of the late Irene (Pangburn) Derbyshire, Clyde, N.Y., about 1950.

12. Data from daughter, the late Carrie A. (Secor) Creque, Towanda, Pa., 1954.

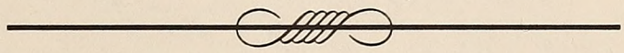
13. Data from daughter, the late Martha (Westcott) Baker, Savannah, N.Y., 1954.

14. Gravestone; "Wayne Co., N.Y., Cemetery Records," 2:108.

15. Data from daughter, the late Blanche (Taylor) Taylor, Newark, N.Y.

16. Data from daughter, the late Bertha (Taylor) Joslyn, Wolcott, N.Y., 1961.

Fourth Generation



GEORGE RILEY WILSON
1835 – 1904

FOURTH GENERATION

11. **GEORGE RILEY[4] WILSON**, only surviving son of Riley[3] (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and Belinda (Adams) Wilson, was born 6 January 1835, in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 28 October 1904, in his home at South Butler, Wayne County, New York.[2] He married 29 July 1855, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, **MARY ANN GORHAM**,[3] who was born there 20 December 1836,[4] and died 6 September 1907, in her home at South Butler,[5] daughter of John and Polly Ann (Palmer) (Cushman) Gorham.[6] George Riley and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler.

The following incidents in the early years of George R. Wilson's life were related by him to his granddaughters, Addie A. and Valeria A. Wilson (aunt and mother of the compiler), who told them to the compiler. George R. Wilson's mother died during his infancy and his father remarried. The stepmother was jealous of her stepson and treated him cruelly. As soon as Riley went to work, George was locked in the attic where he stayed all day with nothing to eat. However, George was freed before his father's return. One time upon being released, he passed through the dining room where upon the table was a large bowl. Being hungry he took a spoonful of the food which proved to be horseradish. However, he refrained from uttering a sound and escaped punishment from his stepmother. One Sunday in 1844 George wanted to go to Sunday School; but lacking shoes and stockings, he was forbidden by his stepmother to attend. This was remedied, at least as far as George was concerned, with boot black, and so off to Sunday School he proceeded with blackened legs and feet. Consequently, he received a severe licking upon his return home. Soon after George R. Wilson, aged nine years, ran away from his Elbridge home and walked nearly forty miles to the home of his aunt, Sally Taylor, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York. He lived with his Aunt Sally until his marriage. The farm adjoining the Taylors on the north was owned by John and Polly Ann Gorham. George R. Wilson married their daughter Mary Ann and settled on this farm, formerly known as the Cushman homestead and later as the Wilson farm. This property came into the possession of Mary Ann's mother upon the death of her first husband, David Cushman, who died in 1832.[7]

George R. Wilson was trustee of School District No. 4 in the Town of Savannah in 1867 and in 1878 and probably at various other times. He was overseer of highways in District No. 31, Savannah, in 1870 and 1879, and probably held that office most of the time throughout the 70s. As early as 1867, he was an agent for R. and C. H. Sheffer, manufacturers of plows, cultivators, rollers, etc., Shortsville, New York (in 1874 became C. H. Sheffer & Co.). He was still their agent in 1880. Also in 1867, he was an agent for Brown, Adams and Co. of Shortsville. This firm on 1 January 1872 became H. L. and C. P. Brown, manufacturers of the Empire Grain Drill, Shortsville (in 1878 became known as the Empire Drill Co.); and on 9 March 1875, George R. Wilson became their exclusive agent of the Empire Grain Drill for the Towns of Savannah and Butler. He became an agent for White and Perkins of Baldwinsville, New York, manufacturers of

carriages, buggies, lumber wagons, sleighs, cutters, plows, cultivators, etc., in 1868. In 1875 he was an agent for S. R. Nye, Bay State Rake Co., Winchendon, Massachusetts.[8]

Early in 1877, George R. Wilson bought out Henry K. Graves's share in Graves and Son, General Merchandisers of South Butler. This partnership with Charles H. Graves was known as Graves and Wilson, General Merchandisers. This was dissolved in October of 1877.[9] On 1 February 1881, George R. and Mary A. Wilson purchased the Graves property in South Butler, and the family moved there in the spring of that year.[10] Mr. Wilson was the treasurer of the Butler-Savannah Cemetery Association from 8 June 1885 to his death.[11] The Wilson family were members of the Church of Christ, Disciples, at South Butler.

By his will, dated 8 March 1898 and proved 6 February 1905, George R. Wilson left bequests to his wife, Mary A. Wilson; to his sons, Gorham J. Wilson, Riley A. Wilson and George W. Wilson; to Valeria Wilson, wife of Riley A. Wilson; to his grandson, Newton G. Wilson, son of Gorham J. Wilson; and to his granddaughter, Addie A. Wilson, daughter of George W. Wilson. The Petition for Proof of Will, dated 3 February 1905, was presented to the Wayne County Surrogate's Court by Riley A. Wilson of Savannah and George W. Wilson, Jr. (*sic*), of Butler. It states that George R. Wilson died on 28 October 1904, at the age of 69 years, at Butler, Wayne County; that he left a will dated 8 March 1898; and that he left him surviving Mary A. Wilson, his wife, of Butler; Gorham J. Wilson, son, aged 48, of Butler; Riley A. Wilson, son, aged 47, of Savannah; and George W. Wilson, son, aged 34, of Butler. It was believed that the real estate of the decedent would not exceed in value the sum of $4000.00 and the personal estate of the decedent would not exceed in value the sum of $15,000.00.[12]

An obituary which appeared in *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, New York, a copy of which is in the compiler's possession, reads as follows:

A PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD.

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS CAREER

George R. Wilson, one of the best known, and most highly respected citizens of Wayne county, died at his home in South Butler on Friday morning Oct. 28, 1904, aged nearly 70 years. He was born in Elbridge, Onondaga county and at an early age came to this county where he has since resided. His early prospects were not of the brightest, he soon developed those sterling habits of character which made him one of the most successful business men in the county of Wayne. In 1855 he married Miss Mary Gorham, with whom he lived until the day of his death. Four children were born to them, Gorham J.,[,] Riley A., Ada [*sic*] and George, three of whom survive him. Never of strong physique, the last ten years of his life witnessed a gradual decline in his physical powers until the end came. Mr. Wilson possessed social qualities of a high order, and was deservedly popular with all classes of people.

He was an ardent advocate of republican principles, and early cast his fortunes with the republican party. He was an honest and conscientious man, and a man whose word was as good as his bond. By industry and frugality he accumulated

MARY ANN GORHAM
WIFE OF GEORGE R. WILSON
1836 – 1907

THE WILSON HOME
SOUTH BUTLER, NEW YORK
1908

This house was the home of the George R. Wilson and George W. Wilson families from 1881 to 1955. It was built by Henry K. Graves in 1849 and was purchased by George R. and Mary Ann Wilson in 1881. It was torn down in 1960. George W. Wilson is standing on the sidewalk, and his daughters, Valeria A.Wilson (born in this house in 1895), on the left, and Addie A.Wilson (born in this house in 1893), on the right, are on the upper porch.

a large property. His funeral services were held at his late home on Monday, Oct. 31, Rev. A. B. Chamberlin officiating. Burial was made in the family lot in the Butler and Savannah Cemetery.

Another obituary, source unknown, is in the compiler's possession and reads as follows:

GEORGE R. WILSON

SOUTH BUTLER, Oct. 31.- George R. Wilson, one of the most prominent business men here, died Friday morning after weeks of suffering. Although unable to engage in active employment for some time, Mr. Wilson was able to be about the village and at times to go abroad, but was frequently confined to the house. He had been in a critical state several times.

He owned a farm two miles south of South Butler on the Savannah road and resided there many years. When the store and dwelling house of the late F. [*sic*] K. Graves were sold he purchased the property and his son, G. J. Wilson, conducted the business in partnership with D. P. Mitchell. Later a younger son, George W., was taken into partnership, Mr. Mitchell retiring. Mr. Wilson was a life-long Republican and his death is a loss to his town and the community. He was 71 [*sic*] years old. About 50 years ago he was married to Mary A. Gorham, who survives him, with three sons, J. Gorham [*sic*] Wilson, Supervisor, of the town of Butler for the past ten years, Riley A. Wilson, who is in the employ of the Pullman Company on the New York Central Railroad, and George R. [*sic*] Wilson of South Butler.

Mary A. Wilson died intestate, and a Petition for Letters of Administration, dated 11 December 1907, was presented to the Wayne County Surrogate's Court by Gorham J. Wilson of Butler and Riley A. Wilson of Savannah. It states that Mary A. Wilson of South Butler died there on 6 September 1907, aged 70 years, and left her surviving Gorham J. Wilson, son, of South Butler; Riley A. Wilson, son, of Savannah; and George W. Wilson, son, of South Butler, all of full age. All three signed as petitioners although George W. Wilson was not so named in the document.[13]

An obituary for Mary A. Wilson appeared in *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, New York, and a copy is in the possession of the compiler. It reads as follows:

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. R. WILSON

Mrs. George R. Wilson, whose maiden name was Mary A. Gorham[,] was born in the town of Savannah, N.Y. Dec. 20, 1836. She departed from this life Sept. 6, 1907, aged 70 years, 8 months and 17 days. Having passed her "three score and ten" she came to her grave in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season. She had been a life long, honored, respected and beloved resident of this community. In her girlhood days she united with the Church of Christ at South Butler, and was a faithful, consistent and devoted member to the day of her death. She was a kind neighbor, a loving mother, a true friend and a devoted christian.

The funeral services were held at the family home at South Butler last Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The attendance was a very large one and the flowers were many and beautiful, which were brought as a tribute of love and respect

from her many friends. Rev. F. H. Read, pastor of the Church of Christ conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Read sang two selections.

The deceased is survived by one brother, David Cushman of Skeaneateles, three sons, Gorham J., Riley A. and George W. Wilson, five grandchildren, besides a large number of friends to mourn for the loved one gone on before.

The bereaved family desire to extend their thanks and heart-felt gratitude to the friends who were so kind and helpful during the sickness of the deceased, to all who so kindly assisted at the funeral services, to the friends who brought flowers as a token of their love, and to the general public for their manifestations of sympathy and respect in the dark hour of bereavement.

CHILDREN of George R.[4] and Mary Ann (Gorham) **WILSON**: (Born on the Wilson farm, Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York)[14]

22. i. GORHAM JOHN[5], b. 7 March 1856
23. ii. RILEY ADAMS, b. 24 Sept. 1857
24. iii. ADDIE AUGUSTA, b. 12 Oct. 1859
25. iv. GEORGE WELLINGTON, b. 12 May 1870

REFERENCES: 1. Application of George R. Wilson for insurance with the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, in possession of the compiler (says b. 6 Jan. 1835); The Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn) gives 1834, and George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895) [hereafter Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*], Part III, Family Sketches, p. 229, gives 1836, both incorrect. That the insurance document is correct is supported by his ages in censuses – 15 in 1850, 25 in 1860, 35 in 1870 and 40 in 1875; Obituaries, one from *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., in possession of the compiler.

2. Death certificate of George R. Wilson, 1904, #45949, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, deaths No. 536, Butler Town Clerk's Office; Obituaries, two quoted above, also *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 4 Nov. 1904, on microfilm in Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

3. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn), in possession of the compiler.

4. Family record in Bible of John Gorham, in possession of the compiler; Obituary in *The Savannah Times*, quoted above.

5. Death certificate of Mary Ann Wilson, 1907, #40271, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, deaths No. 623, Butler Town Clerk's Office; Obituaries in *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., Friday, 13 Sept. 1907, p. 2, col. 2, and *The Clyde Times*, Clyde, N.Y., Thurs., 12 Sept. 1907, p. 2, col. 2, both on microfilm in Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

6. Family record in Bible of John Gorham (*supra* note 4); W. H. McIntosh, *History of Wayne County, New York* (Philadelphia, Pa., 1877) [hereafter McIntosh, *History of Wayne County*], p. 161; Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Part I, p. 350.

7. McIntosh, *History of Wayne County*, p. 161, and Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Part I, p. 350. David Cushman is buried on this farm, and his gravestone says he died 3 Feb. 1832, ae. 33-10-14.

8. Personal papers of George R. Wilson, in possession of the compiler.

9. Gerald James Parsons, "The History of the Wilson Store at South Butler, Wayne County, New York" (typescript, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., 1948; revised 1959), copy in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga County Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

10. Wayne Co., N.Y., Deeds, 131:59, at Wayne County Clerk's Office, Lyons, N.Y.; also on FHL microfilm #479,483

11. Data from a Butler-Savannah Cemetery Assocation book, in possession of Thea (Crofoot) Gordon, South Butler, N.Y., in 1968.

GEORGE R. WILSON and MARY ANN (GORHAM) WILSON

12. Estate of George R. Wilson, File A1582, Wayne County Surrogate Court records, Lyons, N.Y.
13. Estate of Mary A. Wilson, File A2464, Wayne County Surrogate Court records, Lyons, N.Y.
14. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn); Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; and Stevens-Brown-Wilson Family Tree, compiled by Norman Orlando Shepard of Skaneateles, N.Y., from data supplied by David Willmer Taylor, 23 Feb. 1912, all in possession of the compiler; Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Part III, Family Sketches, p. 229.

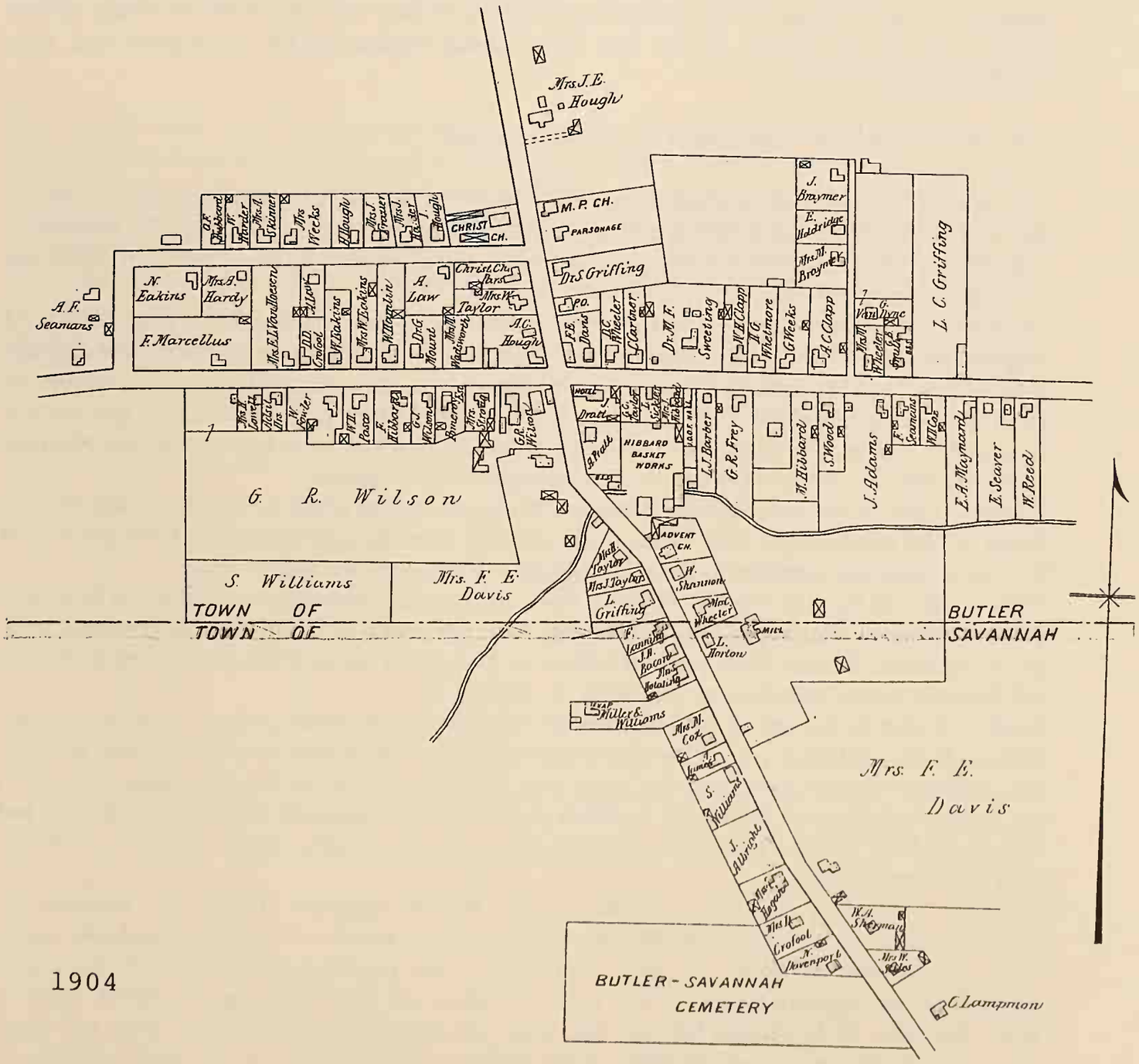
SOUTH BUTLER, NEW YORK – about 1905

The south side of the four corners looking east showing the hotel, the Van Pelt Meat Market and the Wilson Store. The people left to right are William Clark, Mrs. Halstead, Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, Charles Van Pelt and George W. Wilson.

South Butler

TOWNS OF BUTLER & SAVANNAH

Scale, 300 Ft.= One Inch



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THE WILL OF GEORGE R.[4] WILSON

The following is a copy of the will of George R. Wilson. The original will is in File A1582, Surrogate's Office, Wayne County Office Building, Lyons, New York. It is dated 8 March 1898 and was probated 6 February 1905. A copy owned by his son, George W. Wilson, is now in the possession of the compiler.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

In The Name of God

I, George R. Wilson, of the age of sixty two years, and being of sound mind and memory, of the town of Butler County of Wayne and State of New York do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last WILL AND TESTAMENT, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First. – I direct the payment of my just debts, if any.

Second. – I give and bequeath to my wife, Mary A. Wilson, Five hundred dollars, also all my interest in all the household goods of whatever name or nature as long as she remains in widowhood. If she should remarry, then the same to be divided between my, then, surviving heirs, share and share alike.

Third. – I give and devise to my son George W. Wilson, Jr. one equal undivided one half of the property known as the Graves property in the Village of South Butler, containing about eighteen acres of land together with all the buildings belonging with the same, said premises conveyed by Deed from A. Pomeroy and wife to George R. Wilson and Mary A. Wilson. I also give my son George W. Wilson, Three thousand and five hundred dollars to have and to hold the premises above described to the said George W. Wilson and his heirs, forever.

Fourth. – I give to my son, Gorham J. Wilson, the house and lot where he now lives, and also the house and lot purchased of John Flynn estate and also Three thousand dollars to have and to hold the above described premises to the said Gorham J. Wilson and his heirs, forever.

Fifth. – I give to my son, Riley A. Wilson, Three thousand and five hundred dollars. If he should die without issue, the property then remaining from my estate to be divided between my, then, surviving heirs. Except, Five hundred dollars, to his wife, Valeria Wilson, out of what may be left from my estate, willed to my son, Riley A. Wilson.

Sixth. – I give to my grand son, Newton G. Wilson, One hundred dollars, to be kept in the Savings Bank until he arrives at the age of eighteen years. What ever interest the Bank may pay to be added to the principal, each and every year, until maturity of the eighteen years. If he shall die before he arrives at the age of eighteen years, then the aforesaid one hundred dollars and interest shall be divided equally between his then surviving sisters, if any. If none are living, then to his next of kin.

Seventh. – I give to my grand daughter, Addie Wilson, daughter of Geo. W. Wilson, One hundred dollars to be kept in the Savings Bank until she arrives at the age of eighteen years. What ever interest the Bank may pay to be added to the principal, each and every year, until maturity of the eighteen years. If she shall die before she shall arrive at the age of eighteen years, the same to be divided between her, then, surviving brothers or sisters, share and share alike. I also give my grand daughter, Addie Wilson, the piano now at my son's, Gorham J. Wilson's.

Eighth. – If, at my death, I shall hold any notes, book account, or if my name is obligated in any way for either of my three sons, whatever the amount of such note, book account or obligation shall be, the same shall be deducted and taken out of such of my sons share to the amount of the same, so held or charged against him or either of my three sons.
Lastly. – All the residue and remainder of my real and personal estate to be divided equally between my three sons, Gorham J. Wilson, Riley A. Wilson and George W. Wilson, share and share alike, of every manner, kind and description. No real estate to be sold in a low pressure of times.

Likewise, I make, constitute and appoint my three sons, Gorham J. Wilson, Riley A. Wilson and George W. Wilson, Jr. to be the executors of this, my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

GEORGE R. WILSON *

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do certify that George R. Wilson the testator, subscribed his name to this instrument in our presence, and in the presence of each of us, and at the same time he declared in our presence and hearing that the same was his last Will and Testament, and requested us, and each of us, to sign our names thereto as witnesses to the execution thereof, and which we hereby do in the presence of the testator and of each other, the day of the date of the said Will, and write opposite our names our respective places of residence.
D. P. MITCHELL.....residing at *SOUTH BUTLER, N.Y.*
JOHN C. BRAYMER.....residing at *SOUTH BUTLER, N.Y.*

12. **PERMELIA**[4] **SHEPARD**, daughter of Eliza[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and Isaac Norman Shepard, was born 22 December 1831, in the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died there 3 April 1869, aged 37 years, 3 months and 11 days (g.s.).[2] She married 11 January 1859, in Skaneateles, **WELLINGTON STEPHEN HOAG**,[3] who was born 18 April 1833, at Buffalo, New York,[4] and died 2 December 1923, at Skaneateles,[5] son of Henry and Alvira (Spaulding) Hoag.[6] W. S. Hoag married (2) 20 April 1870, Evangeline Campbell.[4] Permelia (Shepard) Hoag is buried in the Shepard Settlement Cemetery in the Town of Skaneateles, and W. S. Hoag and his second wife are buried in Lake View Cemetery in the village of Skaneateles.

CHILD of Permelia[4] Shepard and Wellington Stephen **HOAG**:

26. i. NORMAN JEROME[5], b. 6 Jan. 1861, Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N.Y.[1]

REFERENCES: 1. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible, photocopies of the records in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, N.Y., 2002, and the compiler.

2. *Ibid.*; Gravestone; Thelma Shepard Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement, Town of Skaneateles and Some of Its Early Settlers" (typescript, 1968) [hereafter Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement"], p. 3, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

3. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1); *Skaneateles Democrat*, Skaneateles, N.Y., Thurs., 13 Jan. 1859, p. 3, col. 1: "MARRIED: On the 11th Inst., at the residence of the Bride's Father, by Rev. J. Tompkins, of Marcellus, Mr. Wellington Hoag to Miss Permelia Shepard, daughter of Isaac N. Shepard, both of Skaneateles" (on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library).

4. Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*, 2:320; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 100.

5. Death certificate of Wellington S. Hoag, 1923, #74144, Vital Records Section, N. Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; Karen Richards Anklin and Barbara Bendall Spain, comps., *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records 1796-1986, Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York* (n.p., 1989), p. 57.

6. Julia H. Quackenbush, "Hoag Ancestry," 2 vols. (typescript, 1949), 1:99, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library; Samuel J. Spalding, *Spalding Memorial* (Chicago, 1897), p. 233; Truman C. White, ed., *Our County and Its People: A Descriptive Work on Erie County, New York*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1898), 2:228.

13. **ABIGAIL** (also called **ABBIE**)[4] **SHEPARD**, daughter of Eliza[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and Isaac Norman Shepard, was born 26 August 1833, in the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 11 May 1858, aged 24 years, 8 months and 15 days (g.s.), in the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, and was buried in the Shepard Settlement Cemetery in the Town of Skaneateles.[2] She married 13 October 1855, **WILLIAM HENRY** (also called **HENRY**) **BILLYARD**,[1] who was born 24 February 1830, in the Town of Fleming, Cayuga County, New York,[3] and died 9 May 1906, at Auburn, New York,[5] son of Edward and Martha (Andrews) Billyard.[4] Henry Billyard married (2) Emily Sayles.[5]

CHILD of Abigail[4] Shepard and William Henry **BILLYARD**:

27. i. CLARENCE SHEPARD[5], b. 2 May 1858, Town of Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y.[1]

REFERENCES: 1. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible, photocopies of records in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, N.Y., 2002, and the compiler.

2. *Ibid.*; Gravestone; Thelma Shepard Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement, Town of Skaneateles and Some of Its Early Settlers" (typescript, 1968) [hereafter Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement"], p. 3

3. Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*, 2:320; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 101.

4. Death certificate of William H. "Billiard," 1906, #19803, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany; Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*, 2:320; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 101.

5. Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*, 2:320.

14. **NORMAN ORLANDO**[4] **SHEPARD**, son of Eliza[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and Isaac Norman Shepard, was born 3 August 1847, in the Town of Conquest, Cayuga County, New York,[1] and died 3 July 1920, at Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York.[2] He married 20 April 1876, at Skaneateles, **SELINA HARES**,[3] who was born 20 May 1849, in Somersetshire, England,[4] and died 15 April 1927, at Skaneateles,[5] daughter of Joseph and Temperance (Parsons) Hares.[6] Mr. and Mrs. Shepard are buried in Lake View Cemetery at Skaneateles.[7]

When a boy, Norman Orlando Shepard settled with his parents on the old Shepard homestead in the northern part of the Town of Skaneateles. Upon his marriage he settled in the village of Skaneateles where he engaged in the mercantile business with Edwin Hall forming the firm of Hall and Shepard. Later he became interested in forming the Bowdish Manufacturing Co., which established the business of boat building in Skaneateles. Mr. Shepard was for many years a trustee of the village of Skaneateles and held the position of village president from 1891 to 1893. He was appointed supervisor in 1898 and was reelected each succeeding year until 1910, when he retired.[8] To Mr. Shepard we are indebted for the preservation of the history of this family.

CHILDREN of Isaac Norman and Selina (Hares) **SHEPARD**: (Born at Skaneateles, N.Y.)[9]

i. ABBIE ROSALIA[5], b. 26 May 1878; d. 24 Jan. 1957, Skaneateles, N.Y.; unm.[10]

28. ii. NORMAN JOSEPH, b. 25 Aug. 1879

REFERENCES: 1. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible, photocopies of the records in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, N.Y., 2002, and the compiler; Flora B. Daniells, comp., "Births, Marriages & Deaths in Cayuga County, New York, 1847-1848-1849 & 1850" (typescript, 1961), births p. 11, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

2. Death certificate of Norman O. Shepard, 1920, #46292, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1).

3. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1); Original marriage certificate, in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles: Mr. Norman O. Shepard of Auburn & Miss Selina Hares of Elbridge m. 20 Apr. 1876, by Rev. R. Redhead.

4. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1); Thelma Shepard Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement, Town of Skaneateles and Some of Its Early Settlers" (typescript, 1968) [hereafter Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement"], p. 101.

5. Death certificate of Selina Shepard, 1927, #24994, Vital Records Section, N. Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1).

6. Shepard & Jacobus, *Shepard Families of New England*, 2:320; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 101.

7. Karen Richards Anklin and Barbara Bendall Spain, comps., *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records 1796-1986, Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York* (n.p., 1989), p. 258.

8. Obituaries of Norman O. Shepard, *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday morning, 5 July 1920, p. 8, col. 3, and *Syracuse Herald*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday evening, 5 July 1920, p. 3, col. 3, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse; Dwight H. Bruce, ed., *Onondaga's Centennial*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1896), v. 2, Part III, Family Sketches, p. 432.

9. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1).

10. Obituary of Abbie R. Shepard, *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Saturday morning, 26 Jan. 1957, p. 10, col. 6, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

15. **CLARISSA ADELL[4] TAYLOR**, daughter of Sarah[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and David J. Taylor, was born 22 July 1836, in Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 17 May 1909, in the Town of Huron, near North Rose, Wayne County, New York.[2] She married **HENRY B. MONROE**,[3] who was born 15 April 1835, and died 3 August 1917, on his farm east of North Rose in the Town of Huron, son of Ansel B. and Clarissa (Ingraham) Monroe.[4] Clarissa and Henry Monroe are buried in Huron Evergreen Cemetery. They resided in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, until about 1900 when they moved to the Town of Huron.

CHILDREN of Clarissa Adell[4] Taylor and Henry B. **MONROE**: (Born in the Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[5]

i. ISADORA (also called DORA)[5], b. 13 Aug. 1857; d. 21 Oct. 1933, Town of Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y.; m. Lester Scutt;[6] n.i.

29. ii. MARY ELNORA, b. 11 Aug. 1859

30. iii. CLARISSA ALBINA, b. 17 May 1862

31. iv. HENRY LEROY, b. 11 Sept. 1867

v. SARAH ELIZA, b. 12 May 1876 (calculated); d. 3 July 1898, ae. 22-1-21, Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.;[7] unm.

32. vi. ORLANDO B., b. 4 Jan. 1878

REFERENCES: 1. David J. Taylor family Bible, in possession of the late John Melvin Taylor in 1940; Edward Tanjore Corwin, *The Corwin Genealogy. . .* (New York, 1872) [hereafter *The Corwin Genealogy*], p. 31, says July 1835; gravestone says 1836-1909; New York State 1865 Census: Wayne Co., Town of Savannah: Henry B. "Manrow," ae. 30 b. Cayuga Co.; Clarissa, ae. 28 b. Wayne Co., in Wayne County Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

2. Death certificate of Clarissa Monroe, 1909, #22311, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Huron, Book 1, deaths No. 609, Huron Town Clerk's Office (says father David Taylor, b. Onondaga Co., N.Y.; mother Sarah Monroe (should say Wilson), b. Conn.). An obituary of Mrs. Henry Monroe, in "Scrapbook of Miscellaneous Clippings Concerning People Primarily of the Towns of Savannah and Butler, Wayne County, New York, from about 1897 to about 1922," p. 79, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y., says she d. May 18, ae. abt. 75; survived by husband; 3 sisters, Mrs. Fannie Westerit (*sic*) of North Rose, Mrs. Gay and Mrs.

Secor of Savannah; 1 brother William (*sic*) Taylor of Savannah; 3 daus. Mrs. Lester Scutt & Mrs. W. L. Shear of Rose and Mrs. Frank Washburn of Huron; and 1 son Orlando of North Rose.

3. *The Corwin Genealogy*, p. 31; Stevens-Brown-Wilson Family Tree; Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally."

4. Death certificate of Henry B. Monroe, 1917, #54685, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Huron, Births & Deaths, 1914-1920, deaths p. 39, Huron Town Clerk's Office (say b. 15 Apr. 1834); gravestone says 1835-1917; New York State 1865 Census says ae. 30 (*supra* note 1); 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Huron, p. 154B, #379-379/399-399 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173), says b. Apr. 1835. An obituary of Henry Monroe, in "Scrapbook of Miscellaneous Clippings . . ." (*supra* note 2), p. 167, says he committed suicide "last Friday morning," ae. 83, and survived by his son O. B. Monroe; 3 daus., Mrs. Lester Scutt and Mrs. William L. Shear of Rose, and Mrs. Frank Washburn of North Rose.

5. Data from the late Irene (Monroe) Rolfe, North Rose, N.Y., in 1956, and Annabel (Shear) Brown, North Rose, 1961; Stevens-Brown-Wilson Family Tree; Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally."

6. Death certificate of Dora Scutt, 1933, #62546, Vital Records Section, N. Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Births & Deaths 1930-1937, p. 44, Rose Town Clerk's Office.

7. Death certificate of Sarah E. Monroe, 1898, #24271, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, deaths No. 356, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

16. **URSULA ELIZA**[4] **TAYLOR**, daughter of Sarah[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and David J. Taylor, was born 27 July 1838, in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 22 March 1915, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York.[2] She married in December 1865, **PERRY GAY**,[3] who was born 10 May 1839, in the Town of Tyre, Seneca County, New York, and died 4 May 1919, in the Town of Savannah, son of George and Mary (Fowler) Gay.[4] Ursula and Perry Gay are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, N.Y.

Perry Gay served in the Civil War and was color sergeant of Co. B, 111th New York Volunteers (g.s.). He enlisted 31 July 1862, aged 23 years, at Savannah to serve three years; was mustered in as corporal, Co. B, 20 August 1862; was promoted to sergeant 1 February 1865; and was mustered out with his company 4 June 1865 near Alexandria, Virginia.[5]

CHILDREN of Ursula Eliza[4] Taylor and Perry **GAY**: (Born in Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[6]

33. i. LAGRAND[5], b. 23 Aug. 1867
34. ii. HOWARD LLEWELYN, b. 24 Feb. 1877

REFERENCES: 1. David J. Taylor family Bible, in possession of the late John Melvin Taylor in 1940; Edward Tanjore Corwin, *The Corwin Genealogy* . . . (New York, 1872), p. 55 (b. July 1838).

2. Death certificate of Ursula E. Gay, 1915, #19586, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Births & Deaths 1910-1922, deaths p. 59, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

3. Data from the late Howard L. Gay about 1940.

4. Death certificate of Perry Gay, 1919, #35025, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Births & Deaths 1910-1922, deaths p. 101, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

5. Gravestone, which I saw as early as 1940; also, "Wayne County Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.), 2:82, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse; *Annual Report of the Adjutant-General of the State of New York For the Year 1903* (Serial No. 34) (Albany, N.Y., 1904), p. 761.

6. Data from the late Howard L. Gay and the late Raymond S. Gay, Savannah, N.Y.; Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally." Just prior to Memorial Day about 1940, I was in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler and saw a man by the gravestones of David J. and Sarah (Wilson) Taylor. I asked him if he was related to the Taylors. He replied that they were his grandparents and that he was Howard Gay. We had a pleasant conversation, and I asked him all sorts of questions about the family. He told me that David J. Taylor's father was John Taylor who served in the War of 1812 and lived at Elbridge, N.Y.; that Sarah's father was William Wilson who died in that war at Sackets Harbor, N.Y., and was buried there; that his parents were married in December 1865 not long after his father returned from the Civil War; that he was born 24 Feb. 1877, etc. – G.J.P.

17. **JOHN POWEL[4] TAYLOR**, son of Sarah[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and David J. Taylor, was born 3 February 1840, in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 26 March 1872, aged 32 years (g.s.), in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York.[2] He married in December 1863, **HARRIET NEWELL REED**,[3] who was born about April 1842, in Ohio, and died 20 October 1913, aged 71 years and 6 months, at 684 Lake Avenue, Rochester, New York,[4] daughter of William and Amy (Gorham) Reed.[5] Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, New York. Mrs. Taylor's mother was a half sister to Mary Ann Gorham, wife of George R.[4] Wilson, who was a first cousin to John P. Taylor.

CHILDREN of John Powel[4] and Harriet Newell (Reed) **TAYLOR**: (Born in the Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[6]

i. VIOLETTA (called LETTIE)[5], b. 30 June 1864; d. 13 Apr. 1933, Rochester, N.Y.;[7] m. Elbridge Gerry Williams;[8] n.i.

35. ii. MARY ANN, b. 4 Mar. 1866

36. iii. JOHN MELVIN, b. 30 Aug. 1870

REFERENCES: 1. David J. Taylor family Bible, in possession of the late John Melvin Taylor in 1940; Record from Bible of John P. Taylor, courtesy of the late Mrs. Irene (Pangburn) Derbyshire, Clyde, N.Y., about 1950.

2. Gravestone, which I saw as early as 1940; also, "Wayne County Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.), 2:108, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

3. Edward Tanjore Corwin, *The Corwin Genealogy* . . . (New York, 1872), p. 126.

4. Death certificate of Harriet N. Taylor, 1913, #48565, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; New York State 1865 Census: Wayne Co., Town of Savannah, p. 13 (*sic*), #319-320: John P. Taylor, ae. 25 b. Onondaga Co.; Harriet N., ae. 23 b. Ohio, in Wayne County Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

5. Death certificate of Harriet N. Taylor (*supra* note 4); Gerald James Parsons and Louis William Hagen, *The Gorham Family: Ancestors and Descendants of Ephraim Gorham (1753-1830), Revolutionary Soldier, of Canterbury, Connecticut and Elbridge, New York* (Rochester, N.Y., 1955), pp. 45, 65.

6. Record from Bible of John P. Taylor (*supra* note 1); "Family Tree of William & Amy (Gorham) Reed," compiled by Norine (Reed) Wheeler and daughter Norma Leberth, Rochester, N.Y., and copied by G. J. Parsons 24 Jan. 1955 (no dates).

7. Death certificate of Lettie Williams, 1933, #22878, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany.

8. Data from the late Mrs. Irene (Pangburn) Derbyshire, Clyde, N.Y.; Gravestone, Butler-Savannah Cemetery; also, "Wayne County Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.), 2:114, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

18. **SARAH A.**[4] **TAYLOR**, daughter of Sarah[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and David J. Taylor, was born 5 September 1842, in the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 3 July 1917, at the home of her daughter in Kenmore, New York.[2] She married 28 January 1868, at Clyde, New York, **OLIVER G. SECOR**,[1] who was born 25 August 1845, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died there 4 October 1895, aged 50 years, 1 month and 9 days (g.s.), son of Sylvester and Ruth (Reamer) Secor.[3] Sarah and Oliver Secor are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, New York.[4]

CHILDREN of Sarah A.[4] Taylor and Oliver G. **SECOR**: (Born in the Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[5]

37. i. WANDELL B.[5], b. 17 Jan. 1873
38. ii. CARRIE A., b. 12 Nov. 1876

REFERENCES: 1. Data from daughter, the late Mrs. Carrie A. (Secor) Creque, R.D. 4, Towanda, Pa., in 1954 and 1961.

2. *Ibid.*; Death certificate of Sarah A. Secor, 1917, #46700, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany. An obituary of Sarah Secor in "Scrapbook of Miscellaneous Clippings Concerning People Primarily of the Towns of Savannah and Butler, Wayne County, New York, from about 1897 to abut 1922," p. 163, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y., says she was born 73 years ago last September in the Town of Elbridge; came to Savannah when a girl; was relict of Oliver Secor; died at home of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace D. Creque, in Kenmore; and was survived by her daughter, a son Wandell of Trenton, N.J., and one brother William (*sic*) Taylor of Savannah.

3. Data from daughter, Carrie A. (Secor) Creque, in 1961; Death certificate of Oliver G. Secor, 1895, #4941, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, deaths No. 300, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

4. "Wayne County Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.), 2:103, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

5. Data from Carrie A. (Secor) Creque; Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally."

19. **FANNIE DRUSILLA**[4] **TAYLOR**, daughter of Sarah[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and David J. Taylor, was born 1 December 1847, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 8 August 1909, in the Town of Rose, near North Rose, Wayne County, New York.[2] She married **CHARLES E. WESTCOTT**,[3] who was born 4 April 1843 (calculated), in the Town of Wolcott, Wayne County, New York, and died 10 September 1893, aged 50 years, 5 months and 6 days (g.s.), in the Town of

Butler, Wayne County, New York,[4] son of Heman and Julia (Van Nortwick) Westcott.[3] Fannie and Charles Westcott are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, N.Y.[5]

CHILDREN of Fannie D.[4] Taylor and Charles E. **WESTCOTT**:[6]

i. MINNIE ARVILLA[5], b. 26 Nov. 1869, Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.; d. 9 Apr. 1950, Lyons, N.Y.;[7] unm.
ii. MAUDE VIOLA, b. 3 Sept. 1873, Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.; d. 23 Apr. 1944, Town of Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y.;[8] unm.
39. iii. MARTHA EDNA, b. 1 Jan. 1884, Town of Butler, Wayne Co., N.Y.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from daughter, the late Mrs. Martha (Westcott) Baker, Savannah, N.Y., in 1954.

2. Death certificate of Fannie D. Westcott, 1909, #34328, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Deaths 1905-1914, No. 813, Rose Town Clerk's Office. An obituary for Mrs. Fannie D. Westcott is in "Scrapbook of Miscellaneous Clippings Concerning People Primarily of the Towns of Savannah and Butler, Wayne County, New York, from about 1897 to about 1922," p. 84, in Local History and Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.: "North Rose, Aug. 10. – The death of Mrs. Fannie D. Westcott took place Sunday, aged 61 years. She leaves one brother, D. W. Taylor; two sisters, Mrs. Perry Gay and Mrs. Sarah Secor, of Savannah, and three daughters, the Misses Minnie, Maud and Martha Westcott, at home."

3. Roscoe L. Whitman, *History and Genealogy of the Ancestors and Some Descendants of Stukely Westcott . . .*, 2 vols. (n.p., 1932-1939) [hereafter Whitman, *Descendants of Stukely Westcott*], 2:292.

4. VRs of the Town of Savannah, Book 1, deaths No. 233, Savannah Town Clerk's Office (not recorded in Albany).

5. "Wayne County Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.), 2:113, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

6. Whitman, *Descendants of Stukely Westcott*, 2:292; Wilson Family Record No. 1: "History by Aunt Sally"; Data from the late Mrs. Martha (Westcott) Baker, Savannah, N.Y., 1954; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Savannah, p. 108B, #364-372 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173).

7. Death certificate of Minnie Westcott, 1950, #26231, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.

8. Death certificate of Maude "Wescott," 1944, #25996, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Births & Deaths 1943-1956, p. 6, Rose Town Clerk's Office.

20. **DAVID WILLMER[4] TAYLOR**, son of Sarah[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and David J. Taylor, was born 22 October 1852, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 27 March 1936, at Lyons, New York.[2] He married 26 June 1883, at South Butler, New York, **CORA WHEELER**,[3] who was born 8 January 1854, at Oswego, New York,[4] and died 5 December 1938, at Lyons, New York,[5] daughter of Moses and Mary (Peterson) Wheeler.[4] Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, New York.[6] During the last years of their lives, they lived in Savannah village. Mr. Taylor was much interested in his family history, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for passing on his information to Norman Orlando Shepard. The only record of his own, which has survived, is his talk to the Taylor Family Reunion in 1919 (see Appendix).

CHILDREN of David Willmer[4] and Cora (Wheeler) **TAYLOR**: (Born at South Butler, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[7]

40. i. BLANCHE MURIEL[5], b. 6 April 1886[8]
41. ii. CLAYTON MOSES, b. 4 Mar. 1888[9]

REFERENCES: 1. Data from daughter, the late Mrs. Blanche (Taylor) Taylor, Newark, N.Y., in 1953.
2. *Ibid.*; Death certificate of David W. Taylor, 1936, #21096, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany.
3. Marriage certificate of David W. Taylor, 1883, #5442, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, marriages No. 10, at Butler Town Clerk's Office.
4. Data from daughter Blanche in 1961.
5. *Ibid.*; Death certificate of Cora Taylor, 1938, #75422, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany.
6. "Wayne County Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.), 2:108, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.
7. Data from daughter Blanche in 1954 (personal visit when she was in Oneida, N.Y.); 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Savannah, p. 105A, #273-282 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173).
8. Birth certificate of female Taylor, 6 Apr. 1886, #10886, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany.
9. Birth certificate of male Taylor, 4 Mar. 1888, #8125, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany.

21. **ABBIE SOPHIA[4] TAYLOR**, daughter of Sarah[3] Wilson (*William*[2], *John*[1]) and David J. Taylor, was born 15 July 1855, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 25 October 1902, at Lyons, New York.[2] She married in 1876, at Throopsville, New York, **CHARLES CARA TAYLOR**,[1] who was born 5 August 1853, at South Butler, New York,[3] and died there 14 January 1907, aged 53 years,[4] son of David and Jane (Marcellus) Taylor.[5] Abbie and Charles Taylor are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, New York.[6] There is no known relationship between the two Taylor families.

CHILDREN of Abbie Sophia[4] Taylor and Charles Cara **TAYLOR**:[7]

42. i. BERTHA VALERIA[5], b. 4 April 1883, South Butler, N.Y.[8]
ii. CARA WESLEY, b. 8 April 1888, South Butler, N.Y.[9] m. (1) SARAH FRASIER; m. (2) ANNE MCMANNON; n.i.[1]
iii. DAVID EARL, b. 24 May 1893, Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.;[10] m. RUTH BROWN; n.i.[1]

REFERENCES: 1. Data from daughter, the late Mrs. Bertha V. (Taylor) Joslyn, Wolcott, N.Y., in 1961.
2. Death certificate of Abbie S. Taylor, 1902, #39847, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.
3. Data from daughter Bertha in 1961, who said father b. 5 Aug. 1855, but gravestone says 1853 and death certificate says d. ae. 53, so 1853 is apparently correct.

4. Death certificate of Charles C. Taylor, 1907, #2289, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, deaths No. 599, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

5. *Ibid.*; Data from daughter Bertha in 1961.

6. "Wayne County Cemetery Records," 2 vols. (typescript, n.d.), 2:108, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

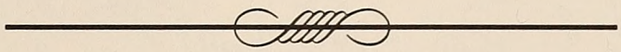
7. A record of Charles C. Taylor's death and the births of his children was found among papers in the Wilson Store in South Butler, N.Y., and is now in the possession of the compiler.

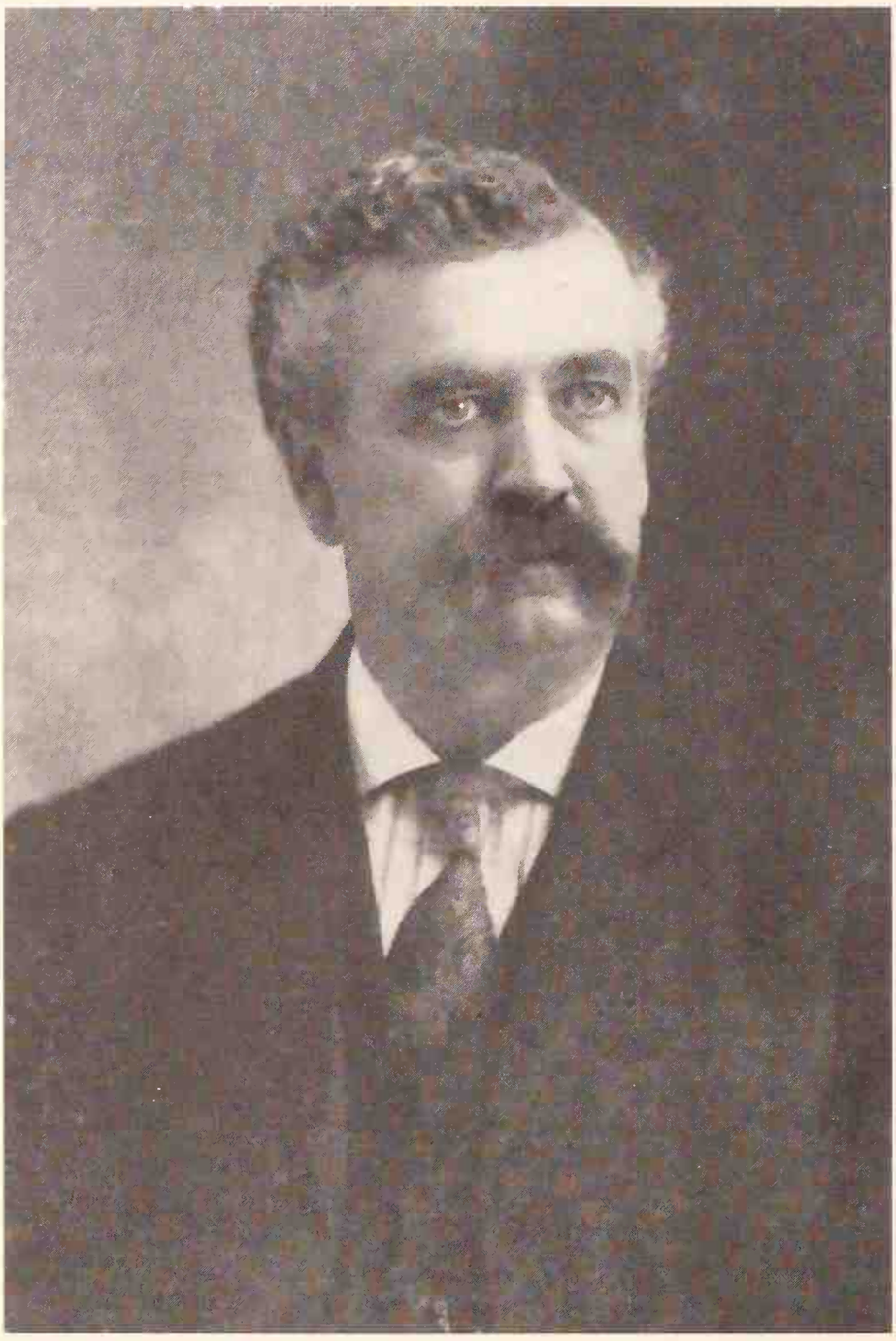
8. Birth certificate of Bertha V. Taylor, 1883, #6996, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of the Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 1, in Butler Town Clerk's Office.

9. Birth certificate of male Taylor, 8 Apr. 1888, #12822, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany.

10. Birth certificate of David Earl Taylor, 1893, #20897, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 284, Savannah Town Clerk's Office. He was probably born in South Butler as that village is partly in the Town of Savannah and partly in the Town of Butler.

Fifth Generation





GORHAM JOHN WILSON
1856 – 1919

FIFTH GENERATION

22. **GORHAM JOHN**[5] **WILSON**, son of George Riley[4] (*Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson, was born 7 March 1856, on the Wilson farm in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 9 August 1919, in his home at South Butler, Wayne County, New York.[2] He married 29 December 1881, at Savannah, New York, **CARRIE ARVILLA NEWTON**,[3] who was born 12 May 1856, one and one half miles east of Bridgeport, Madison County, New York,[4] and died 12 March 1943, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence W. Leech, in Syracuse, New York,[5] daughter of Jerome and Harriet (Jepson) Newton.[6] Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, he on the Wilson lot and she on the Newton lot.

After leaving school, Gorham J. Wilson engaged in farming and teaching school for five years. He was the teacher in District No. 4 of Savannah in 1877-1878. In 1881 when his father bought the Graves property in South Butler, he was given the store business and formed a partnership with Viele Meade. Succeeding partners were Ensign Adams, Darwin Mitchell, and in 1898 George W. Wilson. He was trustee of South Butler Union School for 1889 and 1890. In the latter year he was elected supervisor for the Town of Butler on the Republican ticket which office he held in 1890-1893 and 1898-1909. He was chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors from 1904 through 1909. Gorham J. Wilson was a member of Butler Lodge No. 504, I.O.O.F., which he joined 29 December 1882; of Savannah Lodge No.764, F. & A.M.; of South Butler Grange No. 1203; and at the time of his death was chairman of the Board of Education of South Butler.[7]

A few years after the death of Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson moved to Savannah. In her later years she spent the winters with her daughter in Syracuse and died there. Mr. Wilson was named by his grandfather, John Gorham, who named the eldest son of each of this three daughters after himself. In Mr. Wilson's case John Gorham reversed the name so all three boys would not have the same first name.

CHILDREN of Gorham John[5] and Carrie Arvilla (Newton) **WILSON**:[8]

43. i. FLORENCE ESTELLE[6], b. 25 May 1883, Savannah, N.Y.[9]
44. ii. HARRIET ANN, b. 16 Oct. 1885, South Butler, N.Y.[10]
45. iii. NEWTON GORHAM, b. 5 Mar. 1891, South Butler, N.Y.[11]

REFERENCES: 1. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn), in possession of the compiler; George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895) [hereafter Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*], Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219.

2. Death certificate of Gorham J. Wilson, 1919, #50476, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. (says d. 8 Aug., which is incorrect); Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn) [d. 9 Aug.]; Obituaries, in possession of the compiler and in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Friday, 15

Aug. 1919, p. 5, cols. 3 & 4, and Editorial, p. 2, col. 2, on microfilm in Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y., say he died on Saturday evening, August 9th. The perpetual calendar shows that 9 Aug. 1919 fell on a Saturday, so he died 9 Aug. 1919.

3. Marriage announcement, in possession of the compiler; Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219.

4. Data from Carrie (Newton) Wilson by several interviews with the compiler in the late 1930s and early 1940s; Obituary in *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., Friday, 19 Mar. 1943.

5. Death certificate of Carrie A. Wilson, 1943, Registered No. 540, City of Syracuse, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Onondaga Co. Dept. of Health, Syracuse, N.Y. (gives incorrect age and year of birth, the age was obviously changed); Obituaries in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 18 Mar. 1943; *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., Friday, 19 Mar. 1943 (gives dates of birth and marriage); *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Friday, 12 Mar. 1943, p. 16, col. 2, and Sat., 13 Mar. 1943, p. 8, col. 1; and *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Sat., 13 Mar. 1943, p. 2, col. 6, the Syracuse papers on microfilm in the Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

6. Death certificate of Carrie A. Wilson (*supra* note 5), copy in possession of Stuart E. Wilson, Liverpool, N.Y.; Norton W. Jipson, *A History & Genealogy of the Descendents [*sic*] of John Jepson of England and Boston, Mass. . . . 1610-1917* (Janesville, Wisc., 1917), p. 51.

7. Data from family papers in possession of the compiler, and Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219; Obituares (*supra* note 2)

8. Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219; Probate of Gorham J. Wilson, File C1028, Surrogate's Office, Wayne Co. Office Building, Lyons, N.Y.; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Butler, p. 83A, #231-241 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173).

9. Birth not recorded, but a delayed birth certificate is on file in the Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

10. Birth certificate of female Wilson, 16 Oct. 1885, #29040, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 58, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

11. Birth certificate of Newton G. Wilson, 1891, #8970, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 175, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

GORHAM J. WILSON

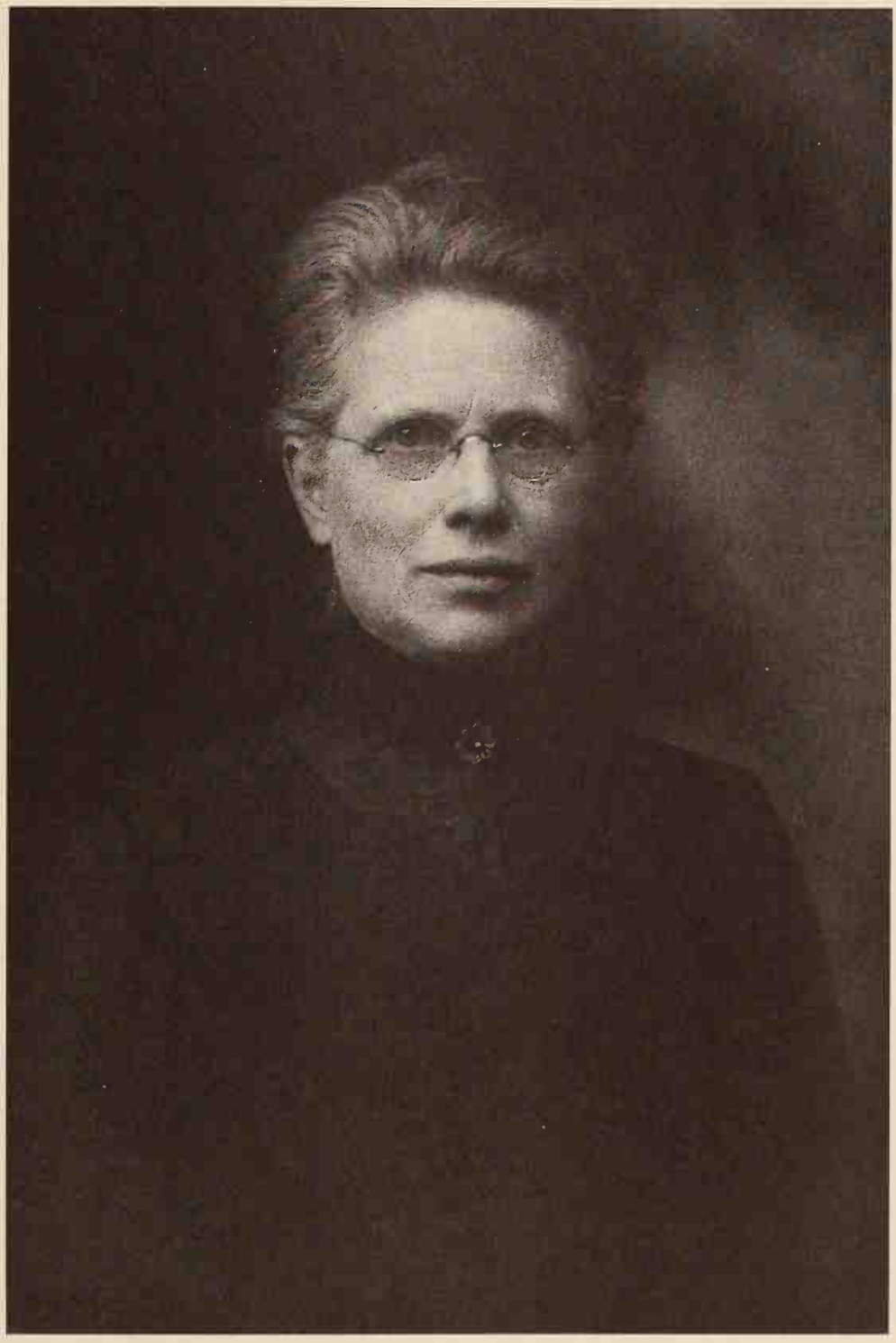
The people of Wayne county were surprised to learn, the first of the week, of the death of Gorham J. Wilson of Butler, who for many years was a prominent figure in Wayne county politics. It was not generally known that he was seriously ill and the announcement of his death was a sad surprise to his host of friends throughout the county.

Mr. Wilson was one of the principal business men of South Butler. He conducted a general store with success during his life time. He was a man widely known in the field of politics where he became an influential factor and attained the high and honorable position of chairman of the Board of Supervisors, which position he held for many years. He represented the town of Butler eighteen years on the Board of Supervisors which, in itself, was an honor and distinction and there never was a time during all his career that he did not faithfully and honestly represent his constituents and do everything in his power to care for the interests of the taxpayers.

Mr. Wilson was a popular man and one of wide acquaintance. His genial disposition, his keen intelligence, his warm and generous heart, made for him friends on every hand.

Mr. Wilson, in the days when political conventions were held, was nearly always a delegate from the town of Butler and frequently a delegate to senatorial, congressional or state conventions and he was always a true and loyal Republican. He was a good citizen, a devoted husband, a kind and generous-hearted father and a true and loyal friend. In his death Butler loses one of its most prominent citizens and business men, and the Republican party of Wayne loses one of its prominent, influential and loyal members.

- Editorial in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Friday, 15 August 1919.



CARRIE ARVILLA NEWTON
WIFE OF GORHAM J. WILSON
1856 – 1943

THE HONORABLE RILEY ADAMS WILSON
1857 – 1921

SEATED IN HIS ASSEMBLY CHAIR, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ABOUT 1915

23. **RILEY ADAMS[5] WILSON**, son of George Riley[4] (*Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson, was born 24 September 1857, on the Wilson farm in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 29 May 1921, in his home in the village of Savannah, Wayne County, New York.[2] He married 29 September 1880, in Savannah, **VALERIA ANN FARRAND**,[3] who was born there 17 December 1855,[4] and died there 14 April 1916,[5] daughter of George Augustus and Amelia (Carris) Farrand.[4] Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are buried in the Crusoe Cemetery in the Town of Savannah.

Riley A. Wilson was one of the best known citizens and one of the most prominent Republicans of Wayne County in his latter years. At the age of 22 in January 1880, he became a partner in the firm of Fenner and Wilson, dealers in drugs and groceries, in Savannah, his father having purchased half of the business from Peter Fenner and his son Leslie on 6 January 1880. A year later Riley Wilson dissolved his connection with this firm and purchased the drug business of Mr. Hoag in the fall of 1881, which business he conducted for several years. At the age of 24, he was appointed postmaster of the village of Savannah by President Garfield and held that post until 1884. For several years he conducted a farm in the Town of Savannah, but on 26 December 1889, he became a conductor for the Wagner Palace Car Company. In 1892 he was appointed assistant superintendent with offices in Chicago; in 1894 he was appointed superintendent with offices in Kansas City, Missouri, leaving Chicago for Kansas City 30 November 1894; and on 20 May 1896, he left Kansas City for St. Paul, Minnesota, being transferred to the St. Paul and Minneapolis Division. He retired from this occupation in 1904 and returned to his former home where he engaged in farming, conducting one of the largest and best farms in the Town of Savannah.

Riley A. Wilson represented the Town of Savannah in 1912 and 1913 on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and was an honest, faithful and competent representative. He represented Wayne County in the New York State Assembly three years, 1914-1916, where he became a prominent and influential representative. In 1914 Speaker Sweet appointed him a member of the Assembly committees on insurance, agriculture and public printing. In 1915 he was on the agriculture and labor and industries committees and was chairman of the public printing committee, and served in these same capacities in 1916. During the last year of his life he was president of the Wayne County Automobile Club.[6]

After the death of his wife, the Honorable Riley A. Wilson rented his farm, which had been Mrs. Wilson's parents' farm, and bought a home in the village of Savannah where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had no children of their own but adopted Miss Grace Lee, daughter of Jerome and Emma (Galusha) Lee. Grace Lee Wilson was born 23 April 1898, at Amsterdam, New York; married 11 January 1923, at Bozeman, Montana, Charles Yackey; lived for many years at Circle, Montana; and died 23 April 1972, at Chinook, Montana.[7]

REFERENCES: 1. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn), in possession of the compiler.

2. Death certificate of Riley A. Wilson, 1921, #30721, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; also, VRs of Village of Savannah, 1914-1934, deaths p. 39, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

3. Wedding invitation, in possession of the compiler.

4. Death certificate of Valeria Wilson, 1916, #27786, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, 1910-1922, deaths p. 71, Savannah Town Clerk's Office; George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 53.

5. Death certificate of Valeria Wilson, 1916, #27786 (*supra* note 4); Obituaries in *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., and an unknown newspaper, in possession of the compiler.

6. Data from family papers, in possession of the compiler; Obituaries from *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Friday, 3 June 1921, p. 1, cols. 5 & 6; p. 3, col. 4; and Editorial, p. 2, col. 1, on microfilm in Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y., and two obituaries from unknown newspapers, in possession of the compiler; *New York Red Book* (Albany, N.Y., 1914), pp. 188-189; *New York Red Book* (Albany, N.Y., 1915), pp. 197-198; *New York Red Book* (Albany, N.Y., 1916), pp. 201-202.

7. Obituary of Grace Lee Wilson Yackey, in *The Wayne County Star*, Lyons, N.Y., Wed., 26 Apr. 1972, p. 6, col. 1; Obituaries of her mother, Emma Galusha Lee, in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thurs., 6 Nov. 1947, and of her twin brother, George W. Lee, in *The Wayne County Star*, Lyons, N.Y., Wed., 22 Mar. 1972; and clipping announcing her marriage from an unknown newspaper, all in possession of the compiler.

RILEY A. WILSON

> The news of the death of Hon. Riley A. Wilson on Monday morning was a shocking surprise to the people of Wayne county. He had been ill but a few weeks and it was not generally known that his illness was of a serious nature.
>
> Mr. Wilson was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Wayne county and had rendered conspicuous service to the people as a member of the Wayne Board of Supervisors and as a representative in the New York State Assembly, where he served three terms with ability and credit.
>
> He was a man of fine character, of pleasing personality and splendid abilities. He enjoyed the confidence, respect and esteem of every one who knew him and in his death thousands of citizens in this county have lost a true and loyal friend and the county has lost one of its most prominent and worthy citizens.
>
> - Editorial in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Friday, 3 June 1921.

VALERIA ANN FARRAND
WIFE OF RILEY A. WILSON
1855 – 1916

ADDIE AUGUSTA WILSON
WIFE OF JAMES L. COX
1859 – 1889

24. **ADDIE AUGUSTA[5] WILSON**, daughter of George Riley[4] (*Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson, was born 12 October 1859, on the Wilson farm in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 18 December 1889, in the parental home at South Butler, Wayne County, New York.[2] She married there 17 March 1887, **JAMES LINCOLN COX**,[3] who was born 14 October 1860, at South Butler, and died 3 August 1936, at Houston, Texas,[4] son of Edwin and Mary Ann (Watts) Cox, natives of England.[5] Addie Wilson Cox is buried on the Wilson lot in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler. Mr. Cox married (2) 5 July 1893, at Houston, Texas, Addie's cousin, Jennie Cushman,[6] who was born there 8 July 1861, and died at her home there 10 January 1946, daughter of James Alfred and Tryphena Elizabeth (Gorham) Cushman.[7]

Addie Augusta (Wilson) Cox was considered a refined and talented lady. She played the piano and had a pleasing voice. However, she had delicate health, and her long and painful illness and untimely death were a tragic blow to the family. One of her obituaries says that Mrs. Cox died "after a most painful illness of more than six months of disease of the spine. About three years ago she became the wife of James Cox, but on account of delicate health she never left the parental home. Nothing that wealth and kind care could provide was wanting to relieve her terrible pain. The skill of all the physicians in town, and several out of town were called into requisition, but to no avail only to palliate her terrible sufferings. She was 30 years of age in October last, and for the past 15 years has been a faithful member of the Disciple Church in South Butler."[8] Another obituary says that she died "after a long and painful illness of a complicated, nervous character difficult to define – which baffled the best medical skill and the kindest attention of friends, for more than two years. For several months past the distortion of her nerves has been excrutiating, and often threatening immediate death. The funeral was largely attended . . . at the Wilson residence. Interment on the Wilson lot in South Butler cemetery."[9]

James L. Cox clerked in the Wilson Store at South Butler for several years, but in September 1891, he went to Adrian, Michigan, to pursue a course of study.[10] In 1893 Mr. Cox went to Houston, Texas, where he was employed for forty two years by the Levy Brothers Dry Goods Co., being head of their linen department for thirty five years.[11]

CHILD of Addie Augusta[5] Wilson and James Lincoln **COX**:

i. DAUGHTER[6], b. & d. 9 Sept. 1888, South Butler, N.Y.[12]

REFERENCES: 1. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn), in possession of the compiler.

2. Death certificate of Addie A. Cox, 1889, #43927, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, deaths No. 138, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

3. Marriage certificate of Addie A. Wilson and James L. Cox, 1887, #3904, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, marriages No. 45, Butler Town Clerk's Office; Marriage announcement, in possession of the compiler.

4. Data from the late Mrs. Lucile (Cox) McKee, Houston, Texas, daughter of James L. and Jennie (Cushman) Cox.

5. Marriage certificate of Addie A. Wilson and James L. Cox, 1887, #3904 (*supra* note 3).

6. Marriage invitation, in possession of the compiler.

7. Data from the late Mrs. Jennie (Cushman) Cox, Houston, Texas, in 1938, and from her daughter, Mrs. Lucile (Cox) McKee, Houston, in 1946. Gerald James Parsons and Louis William Hagen, *The Gorham Family: Ancestors and Descendants of Ephraim Gorham (1753-1830), Revolutionary Soldier, of Canterbury, Connecticut and Elbridge, New York* (Rochester, N.Y., 1955), pp. 47, 49.

8. Obituary from an unknown newspaper, in the possession of the compiler.

9. *Lake Shore News*, Wolcott, N.Y., Thurs., 26 Dec. 1889, p. 3, col. 6, now at Wolcott Free Library, Wolcott, N.Y.

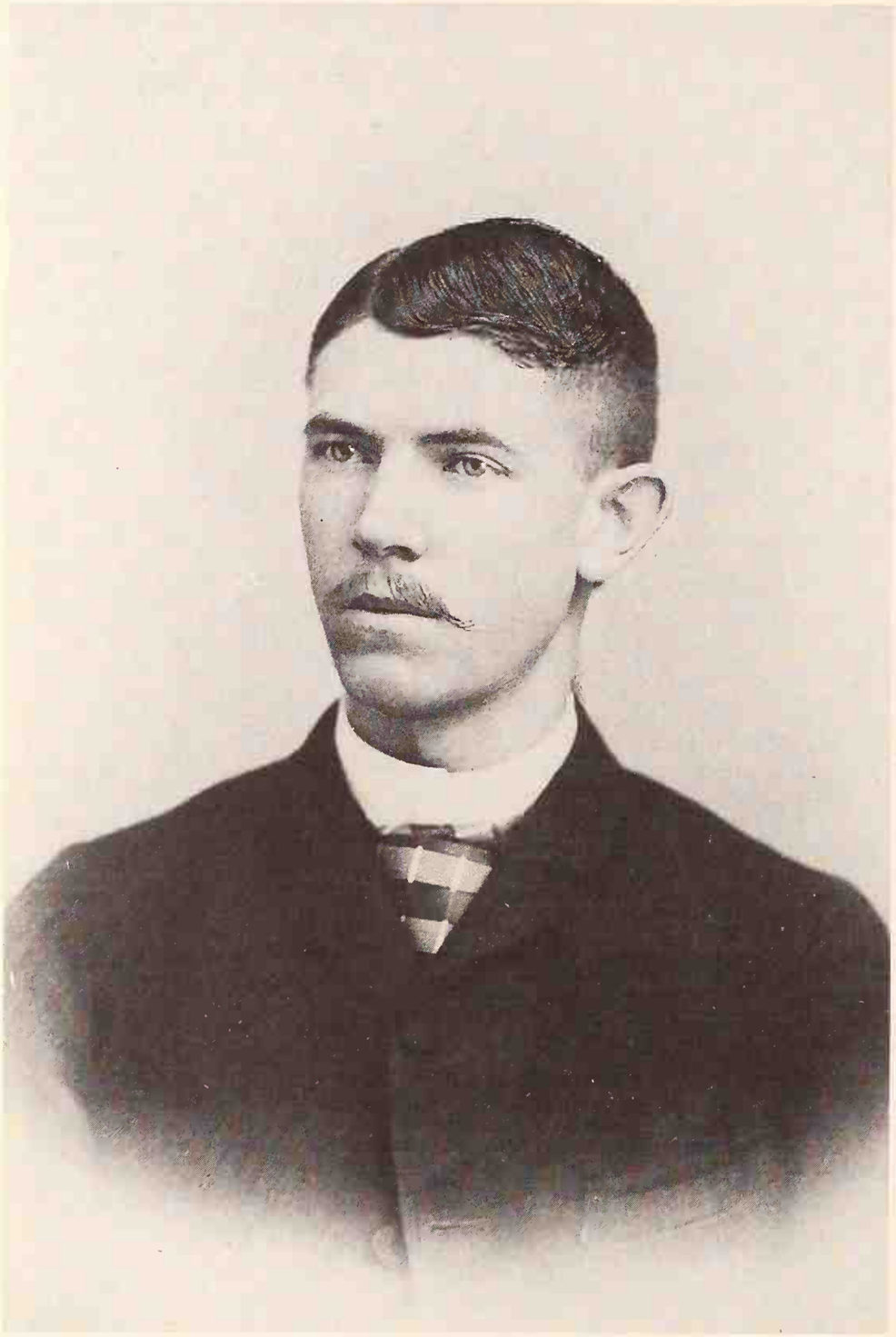
10. *The Democratic Herald*, Clyde, N.Y., Tues., 15 Sept. 1891, reprinted in *The Crossroads Advocate*, Clyde, N.Y., Thurs., 19 Sept. 1991, p. 7.

11. Obituary from a Houston newspaper, in possession of the compiler.

12. Birth certificate of female Cox, 9 Sept. 1888, #32830, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 123, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

JAMES LINCOLN COX
1860 – 1936

ADDIE AUGUSTA WILSON
and
GEORGE WELLINGTON WILSON
About 1876



GEORGE WELLINGTON WILSON
1870 – 1946

25. **GEORGE WELLINGTON[5] WILSON**, son of George Riley[4] (*Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson, was born 12 May 1870, on the Wilson farm in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 14 August 1946, at his home in South Butler, Wayne County, New York.[2] He married (1) 4 January 1893, in the Niles home at Rose, Wayne County, New York, **FLORENCE ADELLA NILES**,[3] who was born 1 December 1870, in the Town of German, Chenango County, New York,[4] and died 8 August 1921, in the Wilson home at South Butler,[5] daughter of William and Caroline (Briggs) Niles.[6] The following notice appeared in a newspaper at the time and is in the scrapbook of Caroline Niles, which is now in the possession of the compiler:

> —Geo. W. Wilson and Florence A. Niles were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Niles, Wednesday afternoon last, at 1 o'clock, Rev. M. H. Cusick, of the Baptist Church, performing the ceremony. The presents were numerous and useful. The happy couple took the 4:23 train at Clyde for Syracuse, where they are to pass a few days. They are to reside at South Butler for the present. We extend to them our hearty congratulations.
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> SCRIBBLER.

George W. Wilson married (2) 12 May 1924, at Blodgett Mills, New York, **NETTIE MAY (CHAPMAN) JOHNSON**,[7] who was born 24 July 1875 or 1876, at Red Creek, Wayne County, New York,[8] and died 12 June 1955, in the Wilson home at South Butler,[9] daughter of Ira W. and Ella Anet (Allen) Chapman and widow of Marion Johnson.[10] George W. Wilson and his first wife Florence are buried on the Wilson lot in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, and Nettie Wilson is buried beside her first husband in the cemetery at Spring Lake, Cayuga County, New York.

George W. Wilson attended the Crusoe School in the Town of Savannah, where he had at one time for his teacher his brother, Gorham J. Wilson. He later attended the South Butler Union School of which he was the truant office in later years. He worked as a mechanic in the Hibbard Basket Works at South Butler for several years, and in 1898 he became a partner with his brother Gorham in the Wilson Store, forming a firm known as Wilson Brothers. After the death of Gorham J. Wilson, George W. Wilson purchased his brother's share of the store. In 1922 he formed a partnership with his son-in-law, George Parsons, to form the firm of Wilson and Parsons. This was dissolved in 1924, after which he continued this business alone until his retirement in 1937.

George W. Wilson was librarian for the Church of Christ, Disciples in South Butler for a great many years and was a deacon for thirty eight years (1908-1946). He was a member of Butler Lodge No. 504, I.O.O.F. and was a member of that order for fifty years. He was also a member of the Reliance Rebekah Lodge No. 610, I.O.O.F.; M. E. Beebe Lodge No. 293, A.O.U.W., 1 March 1901 to 10 February 1904; and the Maccabees, Butler Tent No. 512. The South Butler Grange No. 1203, Patrons of Husbandry, was founded 25 April 1910 with Mr. Wilson as master; and on 4 June 1913, he joined the Wayne County Pomona Grange. The South Butler Volunteer Fire

Company was organized 15 April 1931, and George W. Wilson was elected president. He served as treasurer of the Butler-Savannah Cemetery Association as had his father before him. Mr. Wilson was chairman of the Republican town caucus, president of the South Butler Fire Company, treasurer of the Butler-Savannah Cemetery Association, and president of the Sunday School Association at the time of his death. He was also elected School Director of the Town of Butler for several years and held that office when he died.[11] For years Mr. Wilson was marshall of the Memorial Day celebrations in South Butler and always led the parades carrying an American Civil War Annapolis dress sword, which is now in the possession of his grandson, Gerald J. Parsons.

Florence A. Wilson attended Rose Valley Union School at Rose (formerly called Rose Valley), New York, and also Clyde High School at Clyde, New York, for one year. She was a well educated woman although she lacked formal higher education. She read constantly and was an amateur poet. In addition to her intellectual pursuits, she was an excellent seamstress and a devoted and faithful mother. Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Baptist Church of which her family had been members for generations, but she joined the Church of Christ, Disciples after he marriage.[12]

Nettie M. Wilson received her education at Red Creek Academy in Red Creek, New York, and taught school before her first marriage. Upon her marriage to Mr. Wilson, she joined the Church of Christ, Disciples and became an active member and pillar of that body.[13] Her pleasant manner, thoughtful ways and Christian attitude were reflected in everything she did. Although she was my stepgrandmother, she was the only grandmother I knew and a boy could not ask for a better one. – G.J.P.

CHILDREN of George Wellington[5] and Florence Adella (Niles) **WILSON**: (Born in the Wilson home, South Butler, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[14]

46. i. ADDIE AUGUSTA[6], b. 15 Oct. 1893[15]
47. ii. VALERIA ANN, b. 23 Sept. 1895[16]

REFERENCES: 1. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn), in possession of the compiler; Personal interviews with George W. Wilson, the compiler's grandfather, between 1936 and 1946.

2. Death certificate of George W. Wilson, 1946, #49909, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; Obituaries in *The Clyde Herald*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 15 Aug. 1946; *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 22 Aug. 1946; *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Friday, 16 Aug. 1946 (not in the copy on microfilm in Onondaga Co. Public Library); and two from unknown newspapers, in possession of the compiler.

3. Marriage certificate of George W. Wilson and Florence A. Niles, 1893, #327, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Book 1, marriages No. 177, Rose Town Clerk's Office; Original certificate and wedding invitation, in possession of the compiler.

4. William Niles family Bible: *The Illustrated Polyglot Family Bible* (New York, H. S. Goodspeed & Co., 1872), in possession of the late Dewey B. Niles, Denver, Colorado, in 1956, present whereabouts, if still in existence, unknown (record copied by Gerald J. Parsons in 1956); Obituary of Florence A. Niles Wilson, *vide post.*

5. Death certificate of Florence A. Wilson, 1921, #46873, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany; Obituaries in possession of the compiler, one from *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y.,

FLORENCE ADELLA NILES
WIFE OF GEORGE WELLINGTON WILSON
1870 – 1921

NETTIE MAY (CHAPMAN) JOHNSON
SECOND WIFE OF GEORGE W. WILSON
1975/6 – 1955

Friday, 12 Aug. 1921, p. 6, col. 3; a longer one from the same newspaper, Friday, 19 Aug. 1921, p. 5, col. 1; and one from an unknown newspaper. Also, obituary in *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., Friday, 12 Aug. 1921, p. 1, col. 1, this and Lyons newspapers are on microfilm in the Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

6. Marriage certificate, 1893, #327 (*supra* note 3); Death certificate, 1921, #46873 (*supra* note 5); Alfred S. Roe, *Rose Neighborhood Sketches, Wayne County, New York* (Worcester, Mass., 1893), p. 304.

7. Marriage certificate of George W. Wilson and Nettie M. Johnson, 1924, #6297, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany.

8. Personal interviews in which she said she was born 24 July 1876, but the Johnson monument, erected when she was a young woman, says 1875. Her daughter believed the latter year to be correct.

9. Obituaries in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday, 14 June 1955 (not in copy on microfilm but is listed under Deaths in Other Places, p. 7, col. 3); *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday, 14 June 1955, p. 3, col. 3; *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thurs., 16 June 1955; and *Wayne Co. Herald-Eagle*, Clyde, N.Y., Thurs., 16 June 1955, all in possession of the compiler, the Syracuse newspapers are on microfilm in the Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

10. *Ibid.*; Personal interviews between 1936 and 1955.

11. Family papers and clippings, in possession of the compiler.

12. Family papers, in possession of the compiler.

13. Personal interviews between 1936 and 1955.

14. Record kept by Florence A. (Niles) Wilson and pasted in her wedding book, in possession of the compiler; Probate of Florence A. Wilson, File C1693, Surrogate's Office, Wayne Co. Office Building, Lyons, N.Y.; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Butler, p. 89A, #294-310 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173).

15. VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 223, Butler Town Clerk's Office; not in state index.

16. Birth certificate of Valeria A. Wilson, 1895, #40658, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 275, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

GEORGE W. WILSON

George W. Wilson, aged 76, of South Butler, died very suddenly Wednesday noon, August 14, 1946, while mowing the lawn at his home.

He was born May 12, 1870, in the Town of Savannah, the son of the late George and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson, and moved at the age of eleven to the home where he died. He was a brother of the late Riley A. Wilson, Assemblyman from Wayne County, and of the late Gorham J. Wilson, Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors for many years. On January 4, 1893, he married Florence Adella Niles of Rose, who died August 8, 1921. In 1924 he married Mrs. Nettie Johnson, who survives him.

For many years Mr. Wilson conducted a general store in South Butler. He was a Deacon and Librarian of the Church of Christ Disciples, for many years. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. for 50 years; was chairman of the Republican Town Caucus, President of the local Fire Company, treasurer of the Butler-Savannah Cemetery Association and president of the Sunday School Association at the time of his death.

Surviving besides his wife, Nettie, are two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Crofoot, Syracuse, and Mrs. George Parsons of Clyde; one step-daughter, Mrs. John Redder, Savannah; two grandsons, Gerald J. and Paul W. Parsons, Clyde; three step-grandchildren, Mrs. Robert Evans, Marion Redder of Savannah and Frederick Redder of Fredonia; four step-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and at the Church of Christ at 2:30 with the Rev. Edwin Wyle, officiating and Rev. John Redder assisting. Burial in Butler-Savannah cemetery.

- *The Clyde Herald*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 15 August 1946.

GEORGE WELLINGTON WILSON and FLORENCE ADELLA NILES
1880s

ADDIE AUGUSTA WILSON and VALERIA ANN WILSON
DAUGHTERS OF GEORGE W. & FLORENCE A. (NILES) WILSON
1910

THE GEORGE W. WILSON FAMILY

Top: GEORGE W. WILSON, FLORENCE A. (NILES) WILSON, ADDIE A. WILSON & VALERIA A. WILSON about 1896
Bottom: VALERIA A. WILSON, GEORGE W. WILSON, ADDIE A. WILSON & FLORENCE A. (NILES) WILSON about 1900

GEORGE W. WILSON LEADING THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, SOUTH BUTLER, NEW YORK, MAY 1942
FOLLOWING HIM IS HIS GRANDSON, PAUL WILSON PARSONS, DRESSED IN WHITE.

GEORGE W. WILSON
AND GRANDSONS, PAUL WILSON PARSONS AND GERALD JAMES PARSONS
PORT BAY, NEW YORK, JUNE 1935

THE NILES FAMILY

Top left: WILLIAM NILES, 1840 – 1917 Top right: CAROLINE (BRIGGS) NILES, 1838 – 1908
Bottom: Their children: WILLIAM JAMES NILES and FLORENCE ADELLA NILES
about 1876

26. **NORMAN JEROME**[5] **HOAG**, son of Permelia[4] Shepard (*Eliza*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Wellington Stephen Hoag, was born 6 January 1861, in the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 14 November 1927, at Syracuse, New York.[2] He married 25 November 1886, at Amber, New York, **MINNIE SPAULDING**,[3] who was born 26 March 1866, at Ionia, Michigan,[4] and died 13 December 1950, at Skaneateles, New York,[5] daughter of Earl and Sarah (Fish) Spaulding.[6] Mr. and Mrs. Hoag are buried in Lake View Cemetery at Skaneateles.[7]

CHILDREN of Norman Jerome[5] and Minnie (Spaulding) **HOAG**: (Born at Skaneateles, N.Y.)[8]

i. GLADYS N.[6], b. 10 Oct. 1888;[9] d. 7 July 1985, in a nursing home at Moravia, N.Y.;[10] m. 3 Sept. 1914, Skaneateles, E. WALKER LEONARD.[11]
ii. MILDRED MAY, b. 8 May 1892;[12] d. 24 June 1945, Evanston, Ill.;[12] bur. Lake View Cem., Skaneateles.[13] m. 29 June 1921, Skaneateles, LESTER W. COONS.[14]
iii. ETHEL, b. 31 Oct. 1894;[15] d. 23 Sept. 1937, Syracuse, N.Y.;[16] bur. Lake View Cem., Skaneateles;[17] m. 16 July 1919, Skaneateles, HARRY POLLEY.[18]
iv. EARL JEROME, b. 11 July 1896;[19] m. 30 June 1926, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., HELEN PRINDLE.[20]
v. IVA M., b. 23 Apr. 1899;[21] d. 2 Aug. 1987, Auburn, N.Y.;[22] m. 15 Apr. 1925, Skaneateles, JOHN H. GREGORY.[23]
vi. LESTER N., b. 12 Aug. 1902;[24] d. 24 Aug. 1916, Skaneateles, N.Y.[25]

REFERENCES: 1. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible, photocopies of the records in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, 2002, and the compiler.

2. Death certificate of N. Jerome Hoag, 1927, #64100, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]

3. Marriage certificate of "Jerome N." Hoag , 1886, #16174, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

4. Samuel J. Spalding, *Spalding Memorial* (Chicago, 1897), p. 624.

5. Death certificate of Minnie S. Hoag, 1950, #74493, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

6. Thelma Shepard Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement, Town of Skaneateles and Some of Its Early Settlers" (typescript, 1968) [hereafter Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement"], p. 100, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

7. Karen Richards Anklin and Barbara Bendall Spain, comps., *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records 1796-1986, Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York* (n.p., 1989) [hereafter Anklin & Spain, *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records*], p. 243.

8. Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 100; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Onondaga Co., Skaneateles, p. 263A, #360-370 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1135).

9. Birth certificate of female Hoag, 10 Oct. 1888, #37070, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

10. Anklin & Spain, *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records*, p. 216; Obituary in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tues., 9 July 1985, p. B2, col. 2, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

11. Marriage certificate of Gladys N. Hoag, 1914, #21959, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

12. Data from Nancy Peterka via e-mail to Stuart E. Wilson, 3 Oct. 2001.

13, Anklin & Spain, *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records*, p. 243.

14. Marriage certificate of Mildred M. Hoag, 1921, #18665, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

15. Birth certificate of female Hoag, 31 Oct. 1894, #46557, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

16, Death certificate of Ethel H. Polley, 1937, #55914, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

17. Anklin & Spain, *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records*, p. 236.

18. Marriage certificate of Ethel Hoag, 1919, #27934, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
19. Birth certificate of male Hoag, 11 July 1896, #29453, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
20. Marriage certificate of Earl J. Hoag, 1926, #21341, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
21. Birth certificate of female Hoag, 23 Apr. 1899, #15237, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
22. Anklin & Spain, *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records*, p. 180.
23. Marriage certificate of Iva M. Hoag, 1925, #8547, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
24. Birth certificate of male Hoag, 12 Aug. 1902, #31258, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
25. Anklin & Spain, *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records*, p. 243.

27. **CLARENCE SHEPARD[5] BILLYARD**, son of Abigail[4] Shepard (*Eliza*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and William Henry Billyard, was born 2 May 1858, in the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 23 February 1895, at Auburn, New York.[2] He married 12 June 1881, **FANNIE L. VOSBURGH**,[1] who was born 1 January 1861, in Connecticut, and died 15 January 1954, at Auburn.[3]

CHILD of Clarence Shepard[5] and Fannie L. (Vosburgh) **BILLYARD**:

i. LOUISE MAY[6], b. 22 May 1882, Auburn, N.Y.;[4] d. 14 May 1962, Auburn; unm.; graduate of Wellesley College, 1907; was a teacher.[5]

REFERENCES: 1. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible, photocopies of the records in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, N.Y., 2002, and the compiler.

2. *Ibid.*; Death certificate of Clarence S. Billyard, 1895, #24914, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].

3. Thelma Shepard Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement, Town of Skaneateles and Some of Its Early Settlers" (typescript, 1968) [hereafter Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement"], p. 101; Shepard & Jacobus, *The Shepard Families of New England*, 2:320.

4. Birth certificate of Louise M. Billyard, 1882, #19057, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1).

5. Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 101; Obituary in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tues., 15 May 1962, Local News in Auburn, Seneca Falls & Waterloo ed., p. 6, col. 6, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

28. **NORMAN JOSEPH[5] SHEPARD**, son of Norman Orlando[4] Shepard (*Eliza*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Selina (Hares) Shepard, was born 25 August 1879, at Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York,[1] and died 23 June 1940, in the University Hospital of the Good Shepherd at Syracuse, New York.[2] He married 11 April 1901, at Penn Yan, New York, **INEZ ETHELBERTA WRIGHT**,[3] who was born there 18 October 1878,[4] and died 21 January 1936, at Skaneateles,[5] daughter of Berlin Hart and Loretta (Mills) Wright.[6] Mr. and Mrs. Shepard are buried in Lake View Cemetery at Skaneateles.[7] Norman J. Shepard served as a justice of the peace and also as a trustee on the Skaneateles Village Board.[8]

CHILDREN of Norman Joseph[5] and Inez Ethelberta (Wright) **SHEPARD**:[9]

i. NORMAN KENNETH[6], b. 4 Oct. 1903, Skaneateles, N.Y.; d. 27 Oct. 1972, Corpus Christi, Texas;[10] m. (1) 29 Nov. 1924, Skaneateles, MARIAN CRANDALL;[11] m. (2) ROSE CHAMPION of Corpus Christi. He served in World War II.
Children of Norman K.[6] and Marian (Crandall) **SHEPARD**: (Born Rochester, N.Y.)
1. *Norma Louise*[7], b. 16 Mar. 1929; m. 13 Nov. 1947, Skaneateles, William Shultz; res. 2002 Skaneateles, N.Y.
2. *Dorothy Jean*, b. 13 Jan. 1932; m. 7 Aug. 1948, Harlingen, Texas, S. A. Decker, Jr.; res. 2002 Edinburg, Texas.

ii. THELMA ABBIE, b. 19 Aug. 1904, Thousand Islands Park, N.Y.; d. 26 Oct. 1992, Geneva General Hospital, Geneva, N.Y.;[12] m. 30 Dec. 1936, Syracuse, N.Y., William Frederick Kuhl, Jr.,[13] who d. 19 Sept. 1966, Skaneateles.[14] She graduated from Syracuse University.
Children of Thelma A.[6] Shepard and William F. **KUHL**:
1. *Wilma Elizabeth*[7], b. 14 Nov. 1937, Syracuse; m. 25 June 1960, Daniel Francis Kehoe, Jr.; res. 1992 Skaneateles.
2. *Ellen Inez*, b. 4 Sept. 1941, Auburn, N.Y.; graduated 3 June 1963 from Nazareth College, Rochester, N.Y., and took name of Sister St. Paul in Order of Sisters of St. Joseph; res. 1992 Rochester.
3. *William Norman*, b. 28 Apr. 1943, Auburn, N.Y.; graduated in June 1966 from School of Landscape Architecture, College of Forestry, Syracuse University; res. 1992 Baltimore, Md.

iii. EDWARD EVERETT, b. 17 May 1908, Skaneateles, N.Y.; d. 7 Sept. 1974, Auburn Memorial Hospital, Auburn, N.Y.;[15] m. there 1 Jan. 1935, FRIEDA GRETCHEN PORTEN;[16] he owned and operated the Shepard Nurseries at Skaneateles.
Children of Edward E. and Frieda G. (Porten) **SHEPARD**:
1. *Barbara Carol*[7], b. 15 Jan. 1938; m. 24 Dec. 1961, Dr. Martin Feigenbaum; res. 1974 Ormond Beach, Fla.
2. *Katherine Frieda*, b. 26 Feb. 1940; res. 1974 Menlo Park, Calif.
3. *Norman Edward*, b. 4 May 1944; m. 14 Aug. 1965, No. Ferrisburg, Vt., Jane Bookstaver of Pittsburgh, Pa.; res. 1974 Daytona Beach, Fla.

iv. RHETA MURIEL, b. 2 Aug. 1912, Skaneateles, N.Y.; m. 10 Feb. 1943, Pittsfield, Mass., George Edward Bonnivier; res. 2002 Pittsfield, Mass.
Children of Rheta M. Shepard and George E. **BONNIVIER**:
1. *Edward Shepard*[7], b. 27 Jan. 1944; m. 26 Aug. 1966, Mary Lois Millenbine.
2. *Chris Owen*, b. 19 Sept. 1947

v. BURLEIGH WRIGHT, b. 5 Aug. 1916, Auburn, N.Y.; m. 27 Aug. 1949, Skaneateles, Polly Ann (Hughes) Flados,[17] widow of Morris Henry Flados, who was killed in World War II; Burleigh adopted in 1951 her son, David Arne Flados, b. 25 Jan. 1945; Burleigh served in World War II in Co. C, 329th Engineer Combat Battalion, wounded 23 Feb. 1945 in Germany; res. 2002 Albuquerque, N.M.

REFERENCES: 1. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible, photocopies of the records in possession of Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, N.Y., 2002, and the compiler.

2. *Ibid.*; Death certificate of Norman J. Shepard, 1940, #34790, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; Obituary in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, 24 June 1940, p. 10, col. 6, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

3. Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1); Marriage certificate of Norman J. Shepard, 1901, #6138, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

4. Thelma Shepard Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement, Town of Skaneateles and Some of Its Early Settlers" (typescript, 1968) [hereafter Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement"], p. 101, in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

5. *Ibid.*; Isaac N. Shepard family Bible (*supra* note 1); Death certificate of Inez E. Shepard, 1936, #5495, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

6. Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," p. 101; Cyrus Henry Brown, *Brown Genealogy*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1907-1915), 2:200.

7. Karen Richards Anklin and Barbara Bendall Spain, comps., *Lake View Cemetery Burial Records 1796-1986, Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York* (n.p., 1989), p. 258.

8. Obituary of Norman J. Shepard in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, 24 June 1940, p. 10, col. 6.

9. Following data from Gerald Faulkner Shepard, comp., and Donald Lines Jacobus, ed., *Shepard Families of New England*, 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn., 1972), 2:320-322; Kuhl, "Shepard Settlement," pp. 101-103; and data from Norma (Shepard) Shultz, Skaneateles, N.Y., 2002, with additional references as noted.

10. Obituary of Norman Shepard in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday, 31 Oct. 1972, p. 7, col. 3, and *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, 30 Oct. 1972, p. 24, col. 1.

11. Marriage certificate of Norman K. Shepard, 1924, #23554, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

12. Obituary of Thelma Kuhl in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday, 27 Oct. 1992, p. B4, col. 6.

13. Marriage certificate of Thelma A. Shepard, 1936, #67257, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

14. Obituary of William Kuhl in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, 19 Sept. 1966, p. 22, cols. 4 & 5.

15. Obituary of Edward Shepard in *Syracuse Herald-American*, Syracuse, N.Y., Sunday, 8 Sept. 1974, p. 23, cols. 4 & 5.

16. Marriage certificate of Edward E. Shepard, 1935, #166, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

17. Marriage certificate of Burleigh Shepard, 1947, #30342, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

29. **MARY ELNORA[5] MONROE**, daughter of Clarissa Adell[4] Taylor (*Sarah[3] Wilson, William[2], John[1]*) and Henry B. Monroe, was born 11 August 1859, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 14 Dec. 1926, at Geneva, New York.[2] She married 1 January 1880, at Spring Lake, New York, **WILLIAM L. SHEAR**,[1] who was born 26 January 1860, in the Town of Rose, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died there 21 September 1951,[3] son of Peter and Mary (Shear) Shear.[1]

CHILDREN of Mary Elnora[5] Monroe and William L. **SHEAR**: (Born in the Town of Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[4]

i. PERRY S.[6], b. 8 Dec. 1880; d. 30 May 1952, Wolcott, N.Y.;[5] m. EVA JONES.
ii. SARAH E., b. 1 Feb. 1882; m. 6 Mar. 1905, Rose, N.Y., IRVING L. GRANGER.[6]
iii. HARRY P., b. 15 Nov. 1883; d. 20 Feb. 1963, Wolcott, N.Y.;[7] m. 12 Feb. 1908, Rose, N.Y., MAY GAFFIELD.[8]
iv. MILDRED, b. 2 Oct. 1887;[9] m. RAY BRADBURN.
v. WILLIAM H., b. 31 Jan. 1891;[10] d. 15 June 1948, Lyons, N.Y.;[11] m. MAE HARPER.
vi. ANNABEL THERESA, b. 26 Jan. 1899;[12] m. LYLE BROWN; res. 1961 RFD, North Rose, N.Y.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Annabel (Shear) Brown, RFD, North Rose, N.Y., in 1961.

2. *Ibid.*; Death certificate of Elnora M. Shear, 1926, #75042, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].

3. Data from Annabel (Shear) Brown; Death certificate of William L. Shear, 1951, #58759, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

4. Data from Annabel (Shear) Brown, North Rose, N.Y., and Harry P. Shear, Wolcott, N.Y., 1961, with data from other sources as noted; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Rose, pp. 75B & 76A, #97-101 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173).

5. Death certificate of Perry S. Shear, 1952, #33539, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

6. Marriage certificate of "Satie" Shear, 1905, #4328, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

7. Obituary of Harry P. Shear in *Rochester Times-Union*, Rochester, N.Y., Friday, 22 Feb. 1963 (gives dates of birth, marriage and death), in possession of the compiler.

8. Marriage certificate of Harry P. Shear, 1908, #5551, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

9. Birth certificate of Mildred Shear, 1887, #33442, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Book 1, births No. 171, Rose Town Clerk's Office.

10. Birth certificate of male Shear, 31 Jan. 1891, #4031, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

11. Death certificate of William H. Shear, 1948, #39032, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

12. Birth certificate of female Shear, 26 Jan. 1899, #3420, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Book 1, births No. 476 (says Annabel Thressa Shear), Rose Town Clerk's Office.

30. **CLARISSA ALBINA**[5] **MONROE**, daughter of Clarissa Adell[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Henry B. Monroe, was born 17 May 1862, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, and died 16 December 1932, in the Town of Rose, Wayne County, New York.[1] She married 25 November 1885, at Granby, New York, **FRANK O. WASHBURN**,[2] who was born 18 November 1858, at Plano, Illinois, and died 24 March 1929, in the Town of Huron, Wayne County, New York, son of Wright and Margaret (Fanauch) Washburn.[3] Albina and Frank Washburn are buried in Butler Center Cemetery, Butler Center, Wayne County, New York.

CHILDREN of Clarissa Albina[5] Monroe and Frank O. **WASHBURN**: (Born in the Town of Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[4]

i. CLARENCE F.[6], b. 24 Nov. 1886; d. 5 Oct. 1968, Wayne Co. Infirmary, Lyons, N.Y.;[5] m. LILLIAN GARDNER.
ii. SON, b. 19 Feb. 1888;[6] d.y.
iii. GRACE BELLE, b. 21 Nov. 1894;[7] m. ARTHUR DARLING; res. 1962 Wolcott, N.Y.
iv. CLIFFORD MONROE, b. 4 July 1897;[8] m. (1) HAZEL J. WILSON, b. 26 Jan. 1894, Syracuse, N.Y.; d. 21 Feb. 1935, Butler, N.Y.;[9] m. (2) DORIS WILSON.

REFERENCES: 1. Death certificate of "Alvina M." Washburn, 1932, #76088, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany], also, VRs of Town of Rose, Births & Deaths 1930-1937, p. 36, Rose Town Clerk's Office.

2. Data from the late Grace (Washburn) Darling, Wolcott, N.Y., in 1961.

3. Death certificate of Frank O. Washburn, 1929, #24298, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Huron, Births & Deaths 1911-1932, p. 103, Huron Town Clerk's Office.

4. Data from the late Grace (Washburn) Darling and Irene (Monroe) Rolfe in 1961 with data from other sources as noted; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Rose, p. 93A, #290-303/304 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173).

5. Obituary in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 10 Oct. 1968, in poss. of the compiler.

6. Birth certificate of male Washburn, 19 Feb. 1888, #6393, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 110, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

7. Birth certificate of Grace B. Washburn, 1894, #49587, VRS, NYSDH, Albany, also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 245, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

8. Birth certificate of Clifford M. Washburn, 1897, #28715, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 327, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

9. Death certificate of Hazel Washburn, VRs of Town of Butler, Births & Deaths 1935-1942, p. 39, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

31. **HENRY LEROY**[5] **MONROE**, son of Clarissa Adell[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Henry B. Monroe, was born 11 September 1867, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 28 January 1904, in the Town of Huron, Wayne County, New York.[2] He married 25 December 1887, in the Town of Butler, Wayne County, New York, **ROSINA KUNKEL**,[3] who was born 26 February 1864, in Germany, and died 24 November 1923, at North Rose, Wayne County, New York, daughter of Frank J. and Mary Theresa Kunkel.[4] She married (2) William Smart.[1] Mr. Monroe was known by his middle name.

CHILDREN of Henry Leroy[5] and Rosina (Kunkel) **MONROE**:[5]

i. NEVA[6], b. 7 Sept. 1889, South Butler, N.Y.;[6] d. May 1957, North Rose, N.Y.; m. RAY HARRIS.

ii. EMIL F., b. 8 Nov. 1892, Savannah, N.Y.;[7] d. 7 June 1952, South Butler, N.Y.;[8] m. NORA BORDEN.

iii. BERTHA K., b. 10 June 1894, Savannah, N.Y.;[9] m. BENJAMIN SATTERLEE.

iv. IRENE, b. 5 Oct. 1896, Savannah, N.Y.;[10] d. 13 Aug. 1990, Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, Newark, N.Y.;[11] m. WILLIAM ROLFE; res. Rolfe Rd., Town of Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y. (P.O. North Rose, N.Y.).

v. FLORENCE, b. 1 Mar. 1898, Savannah, N.Y.; m. NORRIS CHADDOCK; res. 1990 Niagara Falls, N.Y.

vi. HOWARD, b. 27 July 1902, Town of Galen, Wayne Co., N.Y.; m. FLORA CLINGERMAN.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Mrs. Irene (Monroe) Rolfe, No. Rose, N.Y., in 1956.

2. Death certificate of "Heroy L." Monroe, 1904, #4206, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; also, VRs of Town of Huron, Book 1, deaths No. 471 (Leroy Monroe, d. ae. 36-4-17).

3. Marriage certificate of Henry L. Monroe, 1887, #20379, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, marriages No. 51, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

4. Death certificate of Rosina M. Smart, 1923, #69394, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Births & Deaths 1919-1925, p. 70, Rose Town Clerk's Office; Data from Irene Rolfe.

5. Data from Irene (Monroe) Rolfe in 1961 with data from other sources as noted; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Rose, p. 74A, #51-55 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173) and 1910 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Rose, pp. 112B & 113A, #93-94 (NARA microfilm T624, Roll 1094).

6. Birth certificate of female "Munroe," 7 Sept. 1889, #33669, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 147, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

7. Birth certificate of Emil F. Monroe, 1892, #44801, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

8. Death certificate of Emil Monroe, 1952, #40085, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
9. Birth certificate of Bertha K. Monroe, 1894, #23336, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
10. Birth certificate of female Monroe, 5 Oct. 1896, #44028, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
11. Obituary of Irene M. Rolfe in *Wayne County Star*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 23 Aug. 1990, in possession of the compiler.

32. **ORLANDO B.**[5] **MONROE**, son of Clarissa Adell[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Henry B. Monroe, was born 4 January 1878, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, and died 17 March 1949, at Lyons, New York.[1] He married (1) **ADA G. LONG**, who was born 15 September 1883, at Fayette, Indiana, and died 29 October 1918, at North Rose, New York, daughter of Marcus Long.[2] Orlando married (2) **VIRGINIA** _____ of New York City, soon divorced.[3] Orlando B. Monroe married (3) **MABEL GRANGER**, who was born about 1897 and died in the 1930s.[4]

CHILDREN of Orlando B.[5] and Mabel (Granger) **MONROE**: (Born in the Town of Huron, Wayne Co., N.Y.)

i. MABEL IRENE[6], b. 13 Mar. 1929;[5] m. _____ POWELL.[3]
ii. ORLANDO B., JR., b. 13 Nov. 1931; m. MARSHA SCHINDLER; res. 1961 Homer, N.Y.[3]

REFERENCES: 1. Death certificate of Orlando Monroe, 1949, #18871, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; also, VRs of Lyons, N.Y., Register No. 10, Office of Registrar of Vital Statistics, Lyons, N.Y.
2. Death certificate of Ada Monroe, 1918, #80558, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Rose, Deaths 1914-1919, p. 67, Rose Town Clerk's Office.
3. Data from the late Irene (Monroe) Rolfe, No. Rose, N.Y., in 1961.
4. Name and age from birth record of daughter Mabel; Data from Irene Rolfe.
5. Birth record from VRs of Town of Huron, Births & Deaths 1911-1932, p. 127, Huron Town Clerk's Office.

33. **LAGRAND**[5] **GAY**, son of Ursula Eliza[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Perry Gay, was born 23 August 1867, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 30 July 1945, in Auburn City Hospital, Auburn, New York.[2] He married 24 December 1889, in the Town of Butler, Wayne County, New York, **JENNIE HARDER**,[3] who was born 23 April 1870, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, and died there 10 February 1938, daughter of Michael and Salina (Pulver) Harder.[4]

CHILDREN of LaGrand[5] and Jennie (Harder) **GAY**: (Born in the Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[5]

i. LLOYD MARION[6], b. 23 Dec. 1890;[6] d. 10 Dec. 1953, South Butler, N.Y.;[7] m. MELVINA AIKINS;[7] n.i., had an adopted son.

ii. JOHN EARL, b. 1 Aug. 1894;[8] m. 17 June 1915, MAUDE V. AIKINS,[9] sister to Melvina; n.i.; he went by the name of Earl or J. Earl.

iii. RAYMOND SHERMAN, b. 12 July 1896;[10] d. 1 Sept. 1985, Savannah, N.Y.;[11] m. there 7 Mar. 1918, CLARIBEL MEAD;[12] 2 sons: Harold[7] and Carlton Gay.[11]

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Raymond S. Gay, Savannah, N.Y.

2. Death certificate of LaGrand Gay, 1945, #37970, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; Obituary in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tues., 31 July 1945 (not in copy on microfilm): "SAVANNAH – Lagrand Gay, 77, died Monday morning at the Auburn City Hospital. . . . Surviving him are three sons, Raymond Gay and Earl Gay of Savannah and Lloyd Gay of Newark, and two grandchildren. . . . ," in possession of the compiler.

3. Marriage certificate of LaGrand Gay, 1889, #22193, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, marriages No. 71, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

4. Death certificate of Jennie Gay, 1938, #13294, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 5, 1934-1953, p. 19, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

5. 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Savannah, p. 104B, #259-268 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173).

6. Birth certificate of male Gay, 23 Dec. 1890, #46640, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 195 (says Lloyd M.), Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

7. Death certificate of Lloyd M. Gay, VRs of Town of Butler, Deaths 1939-1955, p. 88, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

8. Birth certificate of male Gay, 1 Aug. 1894, #31525, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 317 (says J. Earl), Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

9. Marriage certificate of John E. Gay, 1915, #22068, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Friday, 25 June 1915.

10. Birth certificate of male Gay, 12 July 1896, #29539, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 367 (says Raymond Sherman Gay), Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

11. Obituary of Raymond S. Gay in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday, 3 Sept. 1985, p. B2, col. 4: Raymond S. Gay, "89, of Route 89, Savannah, . . . died Sunday at an area nursing home. . . . Surviving are two sons, Harold and Carlton, both of Savannah, two grandsons, two great-grandchildren. . . ." This and following in possession of the compiler.

12. *Lake Shore News*, Wolcott, N.Y., Thurs., 7 Mar. 1968: "South Butler Pair Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary . . . Claribel Mead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mead, and Raymond S. Gay, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaGrand Gay, were married at 7 P.M., Mar. 7, 1918, at the home of the bride. . . ."

34. **HOWARD LLEWELYN[5] GAY**, son of Ursula Eliza[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Perry Gay, was born 24 February 1877, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 22 December 1955, at Auburn, New York.[2] He married 23 July 1907, at Savannah, **GERTRUDE MARY** (called **MAE**) **LAMBERT**,[1] who was born 28 September 1888, at Casco or Grand Haven, Michigan, and died 12 November 1968, in Lyons Community Hospital, Lyons, New York, daughter of George and Mary (Westcott) Lambert.[3]

CHILDREN of Howard L.[5] and Mae (Lambert) **GAY**: (Born in the Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[4]

i. ROBERT LLEWELYN[6], b. 13 May 1908; m. STELLA GRAHAM; res. 1968 Elbridge, N.Y.

ii. MARION LAMBERT, b. 20 Nov. 1909;[5] d. 27 Oct. 1953, South Butler, N.Y.; unm.

iii. HELEN LUCILLE, b. 23 Jan. 1915; d. 7 May 1986, Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, Newark, N.Y.;[6] unm.

iv. THELMA LOUISE, b. 30 Oct. 1917; d. 8 Mar. 1993, Leesburg, Va.;[7] m. GERALD LOPEZ; res. Savannah, N.Y.

v. DONALD HOWARD, b. 5 Dec. 1921;[8] m. LOIS REED; res. 1993 Savannah, N.Y.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Howard L. Gay, South Butler, N.Y., by personal interview about 1948.

2. Death certificate of Howard Gay, 1950, #71016, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].

3. Obituary of Mae (Mrs. Howard) Gay of South Butler in the *Lake Shore News*, Wolcott, N.Y., Thurs., 21 Nov. 1968, in possession of the compiler; Data from Mrs. Gay by personal interview about 1955.

4. Data from Mrs. Howard Gay about 1955; 1920 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Savannah, p. 101B, #67-70 (NARA microfilm T625, Roll 1274).

5. Birth certificate of male Gay, 20 Nov. 1909, #54438, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 703, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

6. Obituary of Miss Helen Gay in *The Wayne County Star*, Lyons, N.Y., Thurs., 15 May 1986. This and following in possession of the compiler.

7. Obituary of Mrs. Thelma Lopez in *The Crossroads Advocate*, Clyde, N.Y., Thurs., 18 Mar. 1993.

8. Birth certificate of male Gay, 5 Dec. 1921, #109707, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, 1910-1922, births p. 132, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

35. **MARY ANN**[5] **TAYLOR**, daughter of John Powel[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Harriet Newell (Reed) Taylor, was born 4 March 1866, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 7 April 1930, at Clyde, New York.[2] She married 6 March 1887, at Savannah, New York, **WILFRED ALPHONSO PANGBURN**,[3] who was born 19 August 1859, in the Town of Galen, Wayne County, New York, and died 11 July 1926, at Clyde, son of William and Laura Sophia (Powers) Pangburn.[4]

CHILDREN of Mary Ann[5] Taylor and Wilfred Alphonso **PANGBURN**: (Born in the Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)[5]

i. IRENE MILDRED[6], b. 25 Aug. 1891;[6] d. 19 Mar. 1982, Lyons, N.Y.;[7] m. 11 May 1916, Rochester, N.Y., JOHN DERBYSHIRE;[8] res. Clyde, N.Y., many years. 2 children: Wilma[7] Derbyshire, m. Harold A. Mead; and Jack Derbyshire, m. Lois Nordbloom.[7]

ii. CARLTON ELBRIDGE, b. 13 Jan. 1895;[9] d. 1 Feb. 1940, Clyde, N.Y.;[10] m. there 24 July 1919, NORA AGATHA DUNHAM.[11] 5 children: James[7], William, Norman, Lois and Helen Pangburn.[7]

iii. HAZEL LOUISE, b. 1 July 1896;[12] d. 27 Aug. 1972, Lyons, N.Y.;[7] m. 24 Nov. 1917, Spring Lake, N.Y., STANLEY TALLMAN WILSEY;[13] res. Savannah, N.Y.; 8 children: Carlton[7], Ronald, Eloise, Evans, Bernice, Marjorie, Irving and Janet Wilsey.[7]

REFERENCES: 1. Record from Bible of John P. Taylor, courtesy of the late Mrs. Irene (Pangburn) Derbyshire, Clyde, N.Y., about 1950.

2. Death certificate of Mary A. Pangburn, 1930, #26988, Vital Records Section, N.Y. Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].

3. Marriage certificate of Mary A. Taylor, 1887, #3341, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, marriages No. 19, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

4. Death certificate of Wilfred A. Pangburn, 1926, #49383, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; Data from Irene (Pangburn) Derbyshire.

5. Data from Evans D. Wilsey, 300 Kashong Rd., Geneva, N.Y., in 1997; "Family Tree of William and Amy (Gorham) Reed," compiled by Norine (Reed) Wheeler and daughter Norma Leberth, Rochester, N.Y., and copied by G. J. Parsons on 24 Jan. 1955 (no dates); 1910 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Savannah, p. 138A, #183-193 (NARA microfilm T624, Roll 1094); with data from other sources as noted.

6. Birth certificate of Irene M. Pangburn, 1891, #34584, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 229 (says Irene Mildred), Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

7. Data from Evans D. Wilsey, Geneva, N.Y., in 1997.

8. Marriage certificate of Irene Pangburn, 1916, #8648, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

9. Birth certificate of Carlton E. Pangburn, 1895, #1857, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 332, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

10. Death certificate of Carlton E. Pangburn, 1940, #12000, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

11. Marriage certificate of Carlton E. Pangburn, 1919, #18081, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

12. Birth certificate of Hazel L. Pangburn, 1896, #27818, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 366 (says Hazel Louise), Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

13. Marriage certificate of Hazel L. Pangburn, 1917, #43903, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

36. **JOHN MELVIN[5] TAYLOR**, son of John Powel[4] Taylor (*Sarah[3] Wilson, William[2], John[1]*) and Harriet Newell (Reed) Taylor, was born 30 August 1870, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 25 December 1949, in the Town of Victory, Cayuga County, New York, near Red Creek.[2] He married 24 December 1891, in the Town of Butler, Wayne County, New York, **MARY J. HUBBARD**,[3] who was born there 7 February 1875, and died 8 February 1961, in the Town of Victory, near Red Creek,[4] daughter of Civilian and Louisa (Laberteaux) Hubbard.[3]

CHILDREN of John Melvin[5] and Mary J. (Hubbard) **TAYLOR**: (Born in Town of Butler, Wayne Co., N.Y., except Marilla J. born in Town of Savannah, Wayne Co.)[5]

i. HARRIET L.[6], b. 22 Apr. 1893;[6] d. 11 Aug. 1916, South Butler, N.Y.;[7] m. EDWIN REED.[8]

ii. MARILLA J., b. 18 July 1895;[9] m. 29 May 1912, Weedsport, N.Y., HENRY EARL CURREN.[10]

iii. BESSIE, b. 29 July 1897;[11] d. 5 Jan. 1902, Town of Butler, Wayne Co., N.Y.[12]

iv. MARJORIE B., b. 23 Feb. 1903;[13] d. 1 May 1927, Rochester, N.Y.;[14] m. CHARLES MARCOTT.

v. LAURA FERN, b. 21 June 1910;[15] m. 3 Sept. 1932, Savannah, N.Y., JOSEPH F. SMITH;[16] res. 1962 Town of Victory, Cayuga Co., N.Y., near Red Creek.

REFERENCES: 1. Record from Bible of John P. Taylor, courtesy of the late Mrs. Irene (Pangburn) Derbyshire, Clyde, N.Y., about 1950.

2. Death certificate of Melvin Taylor, 1949, #70066, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].
3. Marriage record of "Melvin J." Taylor and Mary J. Hubbard in VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, marriages No. 88, Butler Town Clerk's Office (not in state index).
4. Data from daughter, L. Fern (Taylor) Smith, RD Red Creek, N.Y., in 1961; Obituary of Mrs. Mary Taylor in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Thursday, 9 Feb. 1961, p. 58, col. 2, on microfilm in Local History and Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.
5. Data from daughter, L. Fern Smith, 1961; 1900 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Butler, p. 84B, #269-280 (NARA microfilm T623, Roll 1173); 1910 Federal Census: New York, Wayne Co., Town of Butler, p. 107A, #180-187 (NARA microfilm T624, Roll 1094); "Family Tree of William and Amy (Gorham) Reed," compiled by Norine (Reed) Wheeler and her daughter Norma Leberth, Rochester, N.Y., and copied by G. J. Parsons, 24 Jan. 1955 (no dates); with data from other sources as noted.
6. Birth record of female Taylor, 22 Apr. 1893, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, No. 212, Butler Town Clerk's Office (not in state index).
7. Death certificate of "Hattie L." Reed, 1916, #52404, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
8. Gravestone, Butler-Savannah Cemetery, South Butler, N.Y.: "Harriet L. Taylor/ wife of/ Edwin Reed/ 1893-1916."
9. Birth certificate of Marilla J. Taylor, 1895, #29811, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 347, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.
10. Marriage certificate of Marilla J. Taylor, 1912, #16636, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Marriages 1908- , p. 11, Butler Town Clerk's Office.
11. Birth certificate of Bessie Taylor, 1897, #32805, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 330, Butler Town Clerk's Office.
12. Death certificate of Bessie Taylor, 1902, #588, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, deaths No. 477, Butler Town Clerk's Office.
13. Birth certificate of female Taylor, 23 Feb. 1903, #6946, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 470, Butler Town Clerk's Office.
14. Death of Marjorie Marcott, 1927, #28042, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
15. Birth certificate of Laura F. Taylor, 1910, #33199, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 639 (says Laura Fern), Butler Town Clerk's Office.
16. Marriage of L. Fern Taylor, 1932, #30055, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Marriages 1908 - , p. 50, Butler Town Clerk's Office.

37. **WANDELL B.[5] SECOR**, son of Sarah A.[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Oliver G. Secor, was born 17 January 1873, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 13 March 1929, at Hopewell, New Jersey.[2] He married 3 July 1900, at Southold, New York, **ADA C. TERRY**,[3] who was born 6 September 1874, at Peconic, Long Island, New York, and died 9 September 1954, at Whittier, California, daughter of George Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Curtis) Terry.[4]

CHILDREN of Wandell B.[5] and Ada C. (Terry) **SECOR**:[4]

i. DANA[6], b. 25 Sept. 1901, Trenton, N.J.; m. SARAH LAMBERT.
ii. DONALD, b. 7 Oct. 1906, Trenton Junction, N.J.; m. ELIZABETH LARUE.
iii. ROBERT, b. Mar. 1913, Hopewell, N.J.; m. ELEANORE BYE.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Mrs. Carrie A. (Secor) Creque, R.D. 4, Towanda, Pa., in 1954.
2. Data from Carrie (Secor) Creque, in 1961.

3. Marriage certificate of Wandell B. Secor, 1900, #11962, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.
4. Data from Carrie (Secor) Creque, 1954 and 1961.

38. **CARRIE A.[5] SECOR**, daughter of Sarah A.[4] Taylor (*Sarah[3] Wilson, William[2], John[1]*) and Oliver G. Secor, was born 12 November 1876, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York.[1] She married 29 May 1900, at Spring Lake, Cayuga County, New York, **WELLINGTON DAVID CREQUE**,[2] who was born 7 August 1875, at Wolcott, Wayne County, New York, and died 10 January 1959, at Towanda, Pennsylvania, son of Andrew J. and Amie (Cushman) Creque.[3] Mrs. Carrie Creque was residing with her daughter in Towanda, Pa., in 1961.

CHILD of Carrie A.[5] Secor and Wellington David **CREQUE**:

i. INEZ C.[6], b. 14 Sept. 1904, Seneca Falls, N.Y.;[4] unm.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Mrs. Carrie A. (Secor) Creque, R.D. 4, Towanda, Pa., in 1954.
2. *Ibid.*; Marriage certificate of Carrie A. Secor, 1900, #8788, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].
3. Data from the late Mrs. Carrie A. (Secor) Creque, in 1961.
4. *Ibid.*; Birth certificate of Inez C. Creque, 1904, #35254, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

39. **MARTHA EDNA[5] WESTCOTT**, daughter of Fannie Drusilla[4] Taylor (*Sarah[3] Wilson, William[2], John[1]*) and Charles E. Westcott, was born 1 January 1884, in the Town of Butler, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 2 October 1956, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York.[2] She married 19 April 1913, at Syracuse, New York, **EARL H. BAKER**,[3] who was born 12 September 1887, in the Town of Rose, Wayne County, New York, son of Horatio S. and Rhoda (Johnson) Baker.[3] Mrs. Baker was the last of the Taylor family to reside on the old Taylor homestead farm and died there. After her death, the farm was sold and Mr. Baker moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

CHILDREN of Martha Edna[5] Westcott and Earl H. **BAKER**:[4]

i. EDWARD PAUL[6], b. 19 Feb. 1914, Rose, N.Y.;[5] m. DOROTHY HAZELETT; res. 1961 Burghill, Ohio.
ii. HELEN LUCILE, b. 31 Aug. 1918, Wolcott, N.Y.;[6] m. GAITHER SHARUM; res. 1961 Ann Arbor, Mich.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Mrs. Martha (Westcott) Baker, Savannah, N.Y., in 1954 (personal interview).
2. Obituaries in *Rochester Times-Union*, Rochester, N.Y., Wed., 3 Oct. 1956, p. 34, col. 2, and *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thurs., 11 Oct. 1956, in possession of the compiler.
3. Data from Helen (Baker) Sharum, Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1961.

4. Data from Helen (Baker) Sharum, in 1961, with data from other sources as noted.
5. Birth certificate of Edward P. Baker, 1914, #14495, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].
6. Birth certificate of Helen L. Baker, 1918, #82927, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

40. **BLANCHE MURIEL[5] TAYLOR**, daughter of David Willmer[4] Taylor (*Sarah[3] Wilson, William[2], John[1]*) and Cora (Wheeler) Taylor, was born 6 April 1886, at South Butler, Wayne County, New York.[1] She married 25 February 1905, at Lyons, New York, **FRANK TAYLOR, JR.**,[2] who was born 26 March 1884, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, and died 11 November 1918, in Savannah village, son of Frank and Jessie (Wright) Taylor.[3] There was no known relationship between the two Taylor families. Mrs. Taylor resided in Newark, New York, after the death of her husband and was still living there as late as 1967. In 1954 she was living temporarily in Oneida, New York, and in 1962 she was living temporarily with her brother in Syracuse, New York.

CHILDREN of Blanche Muriel[5] Taylor and Frank **TAYLOR**: (Born at Savannah, New York.)[4]

i. NINA ELIZABETH[6], b. 10 Dec. 1905;[5] m. LEO DEBARR.
ii. JESSE RAY, b. 18 Aug. 1908;[6] m. MADELINE SWARTZ.
iii. HAZEL VANESSA, b. 17 Mar. 1911;[7] m. RAY WILT.

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Mrs. Blanche (Taylor) Taylor, personal interview at Oneida, N.Y., in 1954; Birth certificate of female Taylor, 6 Apr. 1886, #10886, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]
2. Marriage certificate of Blanche Taylor, 1905, #3610, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.
3. Death certificate of Frank Taylor, 1918, #90261, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Village of Savannah, 1914-1934, p. 34, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.
4. Data from Blanche Taylor, with data from other sources as noted.
5. Birth certificate of female Taylor, 10 Dec. 1905, #53584, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 590, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.
6. Birth certificate of male Taylor, 18 Aug. 1908, #37348, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 666.
7. Birth certificate of Hazel V. Taylor, 1911, #14092, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Births 1910-1922, Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

41. **CLAYTON MOSES[5] TAYLOR**, son of David Willmer[4] Taylor (*Sarah[3] Wilson, William[2], John[1]*) and Cora (Wheeler) Taylor, was born 3 March 1888, at South Butler, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 1 October 1967, at Phoenix, Arizona.[2] He married 30 June 1914, at Syracuse, New York, **JENNIE T. SPRING**,[3] who was born there 16 November 1889,[4] and died there 26 August 1957, daughter of Joseph and Theresa (Fleig) Spring.[5]

CHILD of Clayton Moses[5] and Jennie T. (Spring) **TAYLOR**:

i. JEAN VIRGINIA[6], b. 12 Oct. 1918, Syracuse, N.Y.;[6] m. CHARLES WURTH; res. 1967 Phoenix, Arizona.

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of male Taylor, 3 Mar. 1888, #8125, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany].

2. Obituaries of Clayton M. Taylor in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Wed., 4 Oct. 1967, p. 9, col. 2, and *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Wed., 4 Oct. 1967, p. 64, col. 6: "Clayton M. Taylor, 77, a former resident of 221 Vann St., a retired stock clerk for O. M. Edwards Co., Inc., died Sunday in Phoenix, Ariz. . . . Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles Wurth of Phoenix; a sister, Mrs. Blanche Taylor of Newark. . . .," on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

3. Marriage certificate of Clayton M. Taylor, 1914, #11832, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

4. Birth certificate of "Jenne" T. Spring, 1889, #43220, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

5. Data from Blanche (Taylor) Taylor.

6. Birth certificate of Jean V. Taylor, 1918, #92480, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

42. **BERTHA VALERIA[5] TAYLOR**, daughter of Abbie Sophia[4] Taylor (*Sarah*[3] *Wilson*, *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Charles Cara Taylor, was born 4 April 1883, at South Butler, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 29 June 1965, at Wolcott, Wayne County, New York.[2] She married 26 October 1910, at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, **JAMES HENRY JOSLYN**, who was born 18 November 1888, at Lyons, New York, son of Philip and Janet (Wetherell) Joslyn.[3]

CHILDREN of Bertha Valeria[5] Taylor and James Henry **JOSLYN**:[4]

i. GENEVIEVE[6], b. 22 Aug. 1911, Syracuse, N.Y.; m. BRUCE F. ROOT; res. 1965 Webster, N.Y.

ii. EVA LUELLA, b. 17 Dec. 1918, Syracuse, N.Y.;[5] m. EDWARD W. JACOBS; res. 1965 Baldwinsville, N.Y.

iii. RUTH R., b. 29 Dec. 1920, South Butler, N.Y.;[6] d. 9 June 2002, Myers Hospital, Sodus, N.Y.;[7] m. JOHN E. COUNTRYMAN, who d. 16 Nov. 1993;[7] res. Wolcott, N.Y.

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of Bertha Taylor, 1883, #6996, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 1 (says Bertha V.), Butler Town Clerk's Office.

2. Obituary of Bertha Taylor Joslyn in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Thurs., 1 July 1965, p. 26, col. 1, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

3. Data from the late Mrs. Bertha (Taylor) Joslyn, Wolcott, N.Y., in 1961.

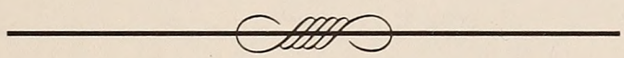
4. *Ibid.*; Data from other sources as noted.

5. Birth certificate of Eva L. Joslyn, 1918, #105550, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

6. Birth certificate of Ruth R. Joslyn, 1920, #106188, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

7. Obituary of Ruth R. Countryman in *Post-Herald*, Lyons, N.Y., Thurs., 13 June 2002, in possession of the compiler.

Sixth Generation



FLORENCE ESTELLE (WILSON) LEECH, 1883-1966
AND
FRANK HIGGINS LEECH, 1885-1973

SIXTH GENERATION

43. **FLORENCE ESTELLE[6] WILSON**, daughter of Gorham John[5] (*George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Carrie Arvilla (Newton) Wilson, was born 25 May 1883, at Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 8 March 1966, in University Hospital at Syracuse, New York.[2] She married 18 April 1912, at the home of her parents in South Butler, New York, **FRANK HIGGINS LEECH**,[3] who was born 22 April 1885, in the Town of Virgil, Cortland County, New York, and died 23 November 1973, in University Hospital at Syracuse, son of Edward P. and Sephe (Higgins) Leech.[4] Florence and Frank Leech are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery at Blodgett Mills, New York.

Florence E. Wilson attended Syracuse University where she received a Ph.B. degree in 1907. She was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She taught school at South Butler and after her marriage at Prescott, Roosevelt, Delaware and Porter schools in Syracuse, retiring from the latter school in 1953. Mrs. Leech was active in educational and cultural activities in the Syracuse community. She served as president of the State Retired Teachers' Association, as president of the Central Zone, State Retired Teachers' Association, as president of the Women's Guild of South Presbyterian Church, as president of the Onoway Club, and was also a member of Central City Chapter 433, Order of the Eastern Star, the Onondaga Valley Garden Club and Friends of Reading of the Syracuse Public Library. Frank Leech graduated from the Cortland State Teacher's College in 1905 and graduated from Central City Business School of Syracuse in 1906. He was active in local and national garden clubs having organized 18 men's garden clubs – 13 in Central New York, 2 in Texas and 1 in Michigan. He was a member of the National Men's Garden Club, the Onondaga Valley Garden Club, the American Rose Society and the Syracuse Rose Society. Mr. and Mrs. Leech belonged to the South Presbyterian Church in Syracuse. The Leeches settled in Syracuse in 1917 and lived at 201 Miles Avenue the last years of their lives.[5]

CHILD of Florence Estelle[6] Wilson and Frank Higgins **LEECH**:

48. i. JANET CAROLYN[7], b. 26 July 1914, Cortland, N.Y.[6]

REFERENCES: 1. George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219; Birth not recorded but a delayed birth certificate is on file in the Savannah Town Clerk's Office, Savannah, N.Y.

2. Obituaries in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday, 8 Mar. 1966, p. 20, cols. 5 & 6; and *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Wed., 9 Mar. 1966, p. 7, cols. 2 & 3, on microfilm in the Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

3. Marriage certificate of Florence E. Wilson, 1912, #12407, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Marriages 1908 - , p. 10, Butler Town Clerk's Office; *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tues., 1 May 1962, p. 10, cols. 1 & 2 (50th anniversary), on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library.

4. Data from the late Florence (Wilson) Leech and Janet (Leech) (Hale) Beach; Obituaries in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Sat., 24 Nov. 1973, p. 6, cols. 1 & 2, and *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse,

N.Y., Sat., 24 Nov. 1973, p. 11, cols. 2 –4, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

5. Obituaries of Mr. and Mrs. Leech (*supra* notes 2 & 4).
6. Birth certificate of Janet C. Leech, 1914, #49740, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

44. **HARRIET ANN**[6] **WILSON**, daughter of Gorham John[5] (*George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Carrie Arvilla (Newton) Wilson, was born 16 October 1885, at South Butler, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 26 August 1976, at Ann Arbor, Michigan.[2] She married 24 September 1908, at her parents' home in South Butler, **VERNON EDWARD BOWLER**,[3] who was born 16 September 1883, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York, and died 7 October 1963, in Lyons Community Hospital at Lyons, New York, son of Edward and Ida M. (Sedore) Bowler.[4] Harriet and Vernon Bowler are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler.

Harriet A. Wilson graduated from Savannah High School at Savannah, New York. After her marriage, Harriet (Wilson) Bowler resided in Savannah where she was active in Raymond Chapter No. 100, Order of the Eastern Star, and in Republican political circles. She served as a matron of the Raymond Chapter and as a district officer of the Wayne District Order of the Eastern Star. She also served as chairwoman of the Savannah Republican Committee. Vernon Bowler graduated from Savannah High School in 1902 and from the Central City Business College of Syracuse in 1905. He held the offices of constable and justice of the peace in the Town of Savannah. Mr. Bowler served as a deputy clerk in the New York State Assembly in Albany from 1 January 1914 until 20 April 1926. In April 1926 he was appointed by Herbert Hoover postmaster in Savannah and served in that post until 20 June 1934. On 1 April 1936, Mr. Bowler began work as a case worker in the Wayne County Department of Public Welfare, and during the last three years before his retirement in 1955, he was Deputy Commissioner of Public Welfare for Wayne County. He was a member of Savannah Lodge No. 764, F. & A.M., was patron of Raymond Chapter No. 100, Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the South Butler Odd Fellows Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Bowler were members of the Church of Christ, Disciples in South Butler where Mr. Bowler served as elder.[5] They resided on the Bowler farm for many years, but after the death of Vernon Bowler and the transfer of her son to Ohio, Harriet Bowler sold the farm and moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1966.[6]

CHILDREN of Harriet Ann[6] Wilson and Vernon Edward **BOWLER**: (Born in the Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.)

49. i. ROBERT WILSON[7], b. 21 June 1913[7]
50. ii. JANE WOODLEY, b. 16 May 1920[8]

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of female Wilson, 16 Oct. 1885, #29040, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 58, Butler Town Clerk's Office; George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219.

2. Obituaries, one in *Syracuse Herald-American*, Syracuse, N.Y., Sunday, 29 Aug. 1976, Cayuga-Seneca ed., Section 3, p. 25, col. 4, in possession of the compiler, and the latter is also on microfilm in the Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

3. Marriage certificate of Harriet Wilson, 1908, #43864, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Marriages 1908 - , p. 3, Butler Town Clerk's Office; 50th anniversay clippings, one from *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 25 Sept. 1958, in possession of the compiler.

4. Obituary in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 10 Oct. 1963 (gives dates of birth and marriage), in possession of the compiler.

5. Data from clippings in *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thurs., 22 Oct. 1953 and Thurs., 3 Nov. 1955, in possession of the compiler; Obituaries (*supra* notes 2 & 4).

6. Savannah Items in *The Wayne County Herald-Eagle*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 3 Nov. 1966, in possession of the compiler.

7. Data from Harriet Ann (Wilson) Bowler; not in state index.

8. Birth certificate of Jane W. Bowler, 1920, #44602, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

HARRIET ANN (WILSON) BOWLER, 1885-1976
AND
VERNON EDWARD BOWLER, 1883-1963

NEWTON GORHAM WILSON, 1891-1980
AND
ADRIENNE GERTRUDE (EADES) WILSON, 1894-1973

45. **NEWTON GORHAM**[6] **WILSON**, son of Gorham John[5] (*George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Carrie Arvilla (Newton) Wilson, was born 5 March 1891, at South Butler, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 27 August 1980, in the Pontiac Nursing Home at Oswego, New York.[2] He married 8 December 1915, at the Eades home near Red Creek, Town of Wolcott, Wayne County, New York, **ADRIENNE GERTRUDE EADES** (nee **GRAY**),[3] who was born 25 December 1894, at Peoria, Illinois,[4] and died 28 January 1973, in the Naples Community Hospital at Naples, Florida,[5] daughter of Claude Arthur and Lois Edna (Woodruff) Gray.[4] Her mother married secondly Harry Eades and Adrienne took his name. Newton and Adrienne Wilson are buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery at Inglewood, California.

Newton G. Wilson was a merchant and owned and operated the N. G. Wilson Book and Stationery Store on South First Street in Fulton, Oswego County, New York, which he purchased in 1925. He also owned and operated Wilson Motor Sales in Fulton for several years. He was a life member of Elks Lodge No. 830 and a 48 year member of Hiram Lodge No. 144, F. & A.M. in Fulton, and was a member of Central City Bodies, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Syracuse. At one time Newton Wilson served as president of the Fulton Fire and Police Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Fulton.[6] They built a beautiful home on Willowbob Terrace south of Fulton where they resided until 1969 when they moved to Rochester, New York, to be near their daughter. Newton Wilson returned to Fulton after the death of his wife.

CHILDREN of Newton Gorham[6] and Adrienne Gertrude (Gray-Eades) **WILSON**:[7]

51. i. MURRAY WOODRUFF[7], b. 7 Dec. 1916, South Butler, N.Y.[8]
52. ii. LOIS CAROLYN, b. 3 Feb. 1918, Red Creek, N.Y.[9]

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of Newton G. Wilson, 1891, #8970, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 175, Butler Town Clerk's Office; George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219.

2. Death certificate of Newton G. Wilson, VRs of City of Fulton, Register No. 244 (gives mother's name incorrectly as Carolyn Woodruff instead of Carrie Newton), copy in possession of Stuart E. Wilson, Liverpool, N.Y.; Obituary in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Friday, 29 Aug. 1980, Oswego ed., Section D, p. D3, col. 1, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

3. Marriage certificate of Newton G. Wilson, 1915, #34060, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Wolcott, Marriages 1907 - , No. 212, Wolcott Town Clerk's Office.

4. Affidavit of Birth, Peoria, Ill., copy in possession of Stuart E. Wilson, Liverpool, N.Y.

5. Death certificate of Adrienne Eades Wilson, 1973, State File No. 73-001463, Office of Vital Statistics, Dept. of Health, Jacksonville, Florida.

6. Data from obituary (*supra* note 2).

7. Data from the late Adrienne Wilson in 1948.

8. Birth certificate of Murray W. Wilson, 1916, #106480, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Births & Deaths 1913-1921, p. 48.

9. Birth certificate of Lois C. Wilson, 1918, #16807, VRS, NYSDH, Albany.

ADDIE AUGUSTA (WILSON) CROFOOT, 1893-1987
AND
F. STANLEY CROFOOT, 1889-1970

46. **ADDIE AUGUSTA**[6] **WILSON**, daughter of George Wellington[5] (*George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Florence Adella (Niles) Wilson, was born 15 October 1893, in the Wilson home at South Butler, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 28 February 1987, in the Jewish Home of Central New York at Syracuse, New York.[2] She married 11 June 1918, at Rochester, New York, **FRANCIS STANLEY CROFOOT**,[3] who was born 15 May 1889, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[4] and died 5 November 1970, in Crouse-Irving Hospital at Syracuse,[5] son of Calvin Morgan and Myrta Donzette (Maynard) Crofoot.[6] Addie and Stanley Crofoot are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler.

Addie Augusta Wilson was named for her father's only sister, but she preferred the name Adelaide, which she used instead of Addie, but she was known by both names. Some years after her marriage, Addie became a corsetier and was for 23 years the buyer for the corset department of Flah & Co., a fashionable women's store in Syracuse, until she resigned in January 1959. She also worked for the Addis Co., E. W. Edwards and Chappell's department stores and several specialty shops. She returned to the corset department of Chappell's in 1964 and retired from there in 1974. Mrs. Crofoot was a member of Reliance Rebekah Lodge No. 610 at South Butler, and in Syracuse of Cavalry Chapter No. 752, Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Fireside Chapter, American Business Women's Association.

The Crofoots lived in various places during the early years of their marriage. These included South Butler, Ithaca and Albany, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Clyde and Syracuse, New York. They moved from Clyde to Syracuse in 1928. Mr. Crofoot, who was known as Stanley or F. Stanley, worked in the airplane industry in its early years and worked on Amelia Earhart's autogiro in 1930 or 1931. Trained as a carpenter, F. Stanley Crofoot returned to that profession later in the 1930s and became a contractor in Syracuse where he built many homes. In 1945 and 1946 he built a home at 157 Fillmore Avenue, on the corner of Fillmore and Churchill Avenues, in Syracuse where the Crofoots lived the rest of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Crofoot were members of the Church of Christ, Disciples at South Butler.[6] No children.

REFERENCES: 1. Birth record of Addie A. Wilson, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, No. 223, Butler Town Clerk's Office; not recorded in the state file in Albany.

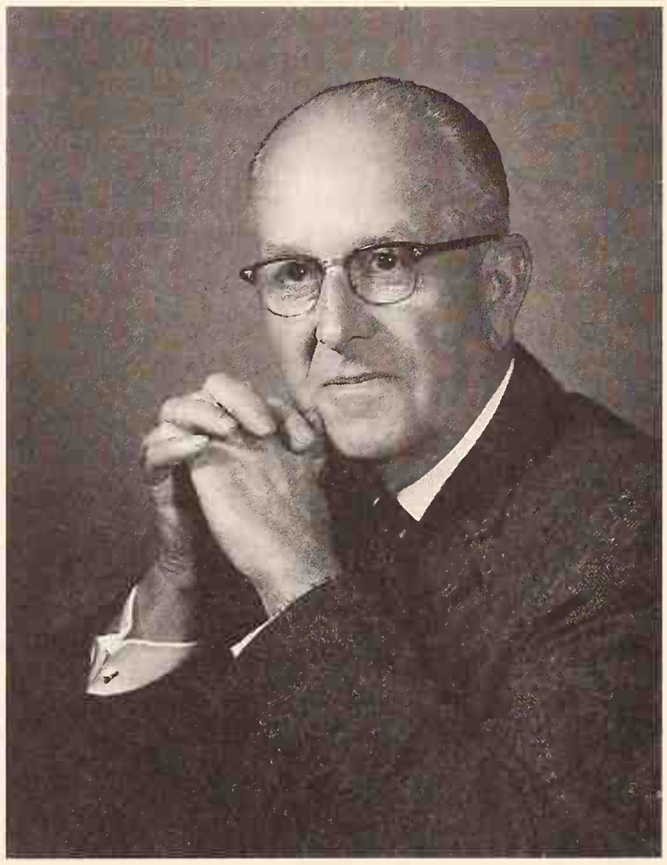
2. Obituaries in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, 2 March 1987, p. A4, col. 3, and *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, 2 March 1987, p. B4, col. 2, in possession of the compiler and also on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

3. Marriage certificate of Adelaide A. Wilson, 1918, #10084, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; Original certificate in possession of the compiler.

4. Birth certificate of male Crofoot, 15 May 1889, #17854, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Savannah, Book 1, births No. 148 (called Morgan Crofoot), Savannah Town Clerk's Office.

5. Obituaries in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Thurs., 5 Nov. 1970, p. 50, cols. 2 & 3, and *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Fri., 6 Nov. 1970, p. 7, col. 5, in possession of the compiler and on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

6. Data from Myrta (Maynard) Crofoot about 1948 and from Addie and Stanley Crofoot, aunt and uncle of the compiler, by personal interviews over several years.



VALERIA ANN (WILSON) PARSONS, 1895-1967
AND
GEORGE PARSONS, 1895-1963

47. **VALERIA ANN**[6] **WILSON**, daughter of George Wellington[5] (*George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Florence Adella (Niles) Wilson, was born 23 September 1895, in the Wilson home at South Butler, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died at 12:20 A.M., 19 April 1967, in her home at 261 Glasgow Street, Clyde, Wayne County, New York.[2] She was married 24 October 1921, at the home of Ora D. and Lillie (Parsons) Woodford in the village of Victory by the Rev. Harold A. Sloan, pastor of the Victory Methodist Episcopal Church, to **GEORGE**[9] **PARSONS**,[3] who was born 16 May 1895, on his parents' farm south of Victory village in the Town of Victory, Cayuga County, New York,[4] and died at 7 P.M., 13 March 1963, in the Lyons Community Hospital at Lyons, Wayne County, New York,[5] son of Almanzo[8] (*Addison*[7], *Moses*[6], *Moses*[5], *Aaron*[4], *Jonathan*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *Cornet Joseph*[1]) and Mary Jane (Van Pelt) Parsons.[6] Valeria and George Parsons are buried in the Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler.

Valeria Ann Wilson was named for her aunt, Valeria (Farrand) Wilson, and for her grandmother, Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson. In a letter to George W. Wilson, dated 2 October 1895, at Kansas City, Missouri, Valeria Ann (Farrand) Wilson wrote: "Was surprised to hear what you had named the Baby. I never thought anyone would think enough of me to give one my name. Am glad to find out I am mistaken. Please do not give it a nickname. If you call it by the first, it is not any harder to speak than Florence."[7] Valeria Wilson received her education in the South Butler village school and started her high school education at Leavenworth High School in Wolcott, New York, but because of poor health she could not finish.

George Parsons attended the Victory village school and the South Butler village school. His high school education was received at Leavenworth High School in Wolcott and at Savannah High School in Savannah, New York, from which place he graduated on 26 June 1917. George Parsons served in World War I, being inducted 26 May 1918 at Lyons, New York. He was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey, was assigned to Co. F, 346th Infantry Battalion, 87th (Acorn) Division on 20 June 1918, and sailed from New York for France on 24 August 1918. He landed at Liverpool, England, and after about two weeks in that country he proceeded to Le Havre, France. He was stationed near Bordeaux and St. Nazaire, and on 8 December 1918, he contracted influenza and spent nine weeks in the Base Hospital at St. Nazaire. George Parsons was sent home on 11 February 1919 and arrived on 24 February 1919 at Newport News, Virginia. Then on 6 March 1919, he was sent to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, where he was honorably discharged 22 March 1919. Valeria Wilson also contracted the deadly influenza and was brought through the ordeal by her mother after the doctors had given up hope of any recovery.

After their honeymoon in the Adirondack Mountains, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons established their residence in the Wilson home at South Butler, and on 10 April 1922, George Parsons entered into a partnership with his father-in-law, George W. Wilson, in the Wilson Store at South Butler to form the firm of Wilson and Parsons. This was dissolved in 1924, and Mr. Parsons went to Syracuse, New York, to take charge of the National Economy Store at 2640 South Salina Street there. In May of that year, the

Parsonses moved to 510 West Colvin Street in Syracuse, and on the 30th of June their eldest son was born. Mr. Parsons did not like the city, so the family returned to Wayne County. In September 1924, Mrs. Parsons and her young son went to South Butler to live with her sister until Mr. Parsons could settle up his affairs in Syracuse. Upon his removal from Syracuse, George Parsons accepted a position with the Market Basket Company to operate their store in Savannah, New York, and in February 1925, the Parsons family moved to Savannah. Mr. Parsons was transferred to Wolcott, New York, in 1926, and in November the family moved to 71 Lake Avenue in that village. The next year George Parsons accepted a position as an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company on 25 April 1927. As his territory included Rose and part of Clyde, New York, the family moved on 5 October 1927 to 35 West Dezeng Street in Clyde. On 23 February 1929, their residence became 172 Glasgow Street and so remained until 5 June 1943, when they moved to 117 Sodus Street. While residing at 172 Glasgow Street, their second son was born in Lyons. In 1950 and 1951 Mr. and Mrs. Parsons built a new home at 261 Glasgow Street into which they moved on 1 September 1951. Mr. Parsons retired on 1 June 1960 after 33 years of service with the Prudential Insurance Company.

The Parsons family belonged to the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Clyde (later called the First Methodist Church and today the Clyde United Methodist Church). Mrs. Parsons was brought up in the Church of Christ, Disciples, in South Butler, but joined the Methodist Church at Clyde by letter in April 1938. She was a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church on 20 September 1940. Mrs. Parsons joined the Reliance Rebekah Lodge No. 610 at South Butler on 23 April 1925 and transferred her membership to the Clyde Rebekah Lodge No. 478 in 1934. She joined the Vandenberg Chapter No. 198, Order of the Eastern Star, at Clyde on 14 June 1938. Mr. Parsons was a member of the Brown-DiSanto Post 226 (formerly George Aden Brown Post) of the American Legion in Clyde, having joined in 1923. On 30 March 1939, he was initiated into Clyde Lodge No. 300, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and on 14 February 1949 into the Lyons (N.Y.) Lodge No. 869, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1947 Mr. Parsons became a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters.[8]

CHILDREN of Valeria Ann[6] Wilson and George **PARSONS**:

53. i. GERALD JAMES[7], b. 30 June 1924, Syracuse, N.Y.;[9] bp. 9 May 1937, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Clyde, N.Y.[10]

54. ii. PAUL WILSON, b. 25 June 1931, Lyons, N.Y.;[11] bp. 9 May 1937, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Clyde, N.Y.[12]

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of Valeria A. Wilson, 1895, #40658, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH, Albany]; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Book 1, births No. 275, Butler Town Clerk's Office; Wilson "Family Record," a handdrawn document originally belonging to George R. and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson, grandparents of Valeria Ann (Wilson) Parsons, and now in possession of the compiler.

2. Death certificate of Valeria A. Parsons, Town of Galen Register of Deaths, 1967, No. 2, Office of Vital Statistics, Clyde, N.Y.; Obituaries in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Wednesday, 19

April 1967, p. 16, col. 2; *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Thursday, 20 April 1967, p. 9, col. 8 ("Area Deaths and Funerals") and Local News: Auburn, Seneca Falls & Waterloo ed., p. 15, col. 7; *The Wayne County Herald-Eagle*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 20 April 1967; *The Lyons Republican and Clyde Times*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 27 April 1967, p. 4, col. 6; *Democrat and Chronicle*, Rochester, N.Y., Thursday, 20 April 1967, p. 4B; *The Times-Union*, Rochester, N.Y., Thursday, 20 April 1967, p. 12B, all in possession of the compiler and the Syracuse newspapers are on microfilm in the Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

3. Marriage certificate of George Parsons & Valeria Ann Wilson, 1921, #31413, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Butler, Marriages 1908 - , p. 31, Butler Town Clerk's Office; also, Wayne County, N.Y, Marriage Records, v. 2, 1915-1923, p. 481, Wayne Co. Clerk's Office, Lyons, N.Y.; Original certificate, in possession of the compiler.

4. Birth certificate of George Parsons, 1895, #20551 (indexed as male Parson [*sic*]), VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, VRs of Town of Victory, Book 1, No. 270, Victory Town Clerk's Office; Almanzo Parsons family Bible, in possession of the compiler.

5. Death certificate of George Parsons, Lyons Register of Deaths, 1963, No. 33, Office of Registrar of Vital Statistics, Lyons, N.Y.; Obituaries in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Friday, 15 March 1963, p. 18, col. 2; *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Friday, 15 March 1963, p. 9, col. 2; *The Wayne County Herald-Eagle*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 21 March 1963; *The Lyons Republican and Clyde Times*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 21 March 1963, p. 4, col. 8; *Democrat and Chronicle*, Rochester, N.Y., 15 March 1963; *The Times-Union*, Rochester, N.Y., 15 March 1963, p. 10, all in possession of the compiler and the Syracuse newspapers are on microfilm in the Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.

6. Gerald James Parsons, *Our Parsons Heritage: The Lineage of Gerald James Parsons and Paul Wilson Parsons from Cornet Joseph Parsons (1620-1683), A Native of Beaminster, County Dorset, England, and a Founder of Springfield, Massachusetts, 1636 and Northampton, Massachusetts, 1654* (Baltimore, Md., 2003).

7. Original letter, in possession of the compiler.

8. All the above data are from family papers, letters and documents in possession of the compiler.

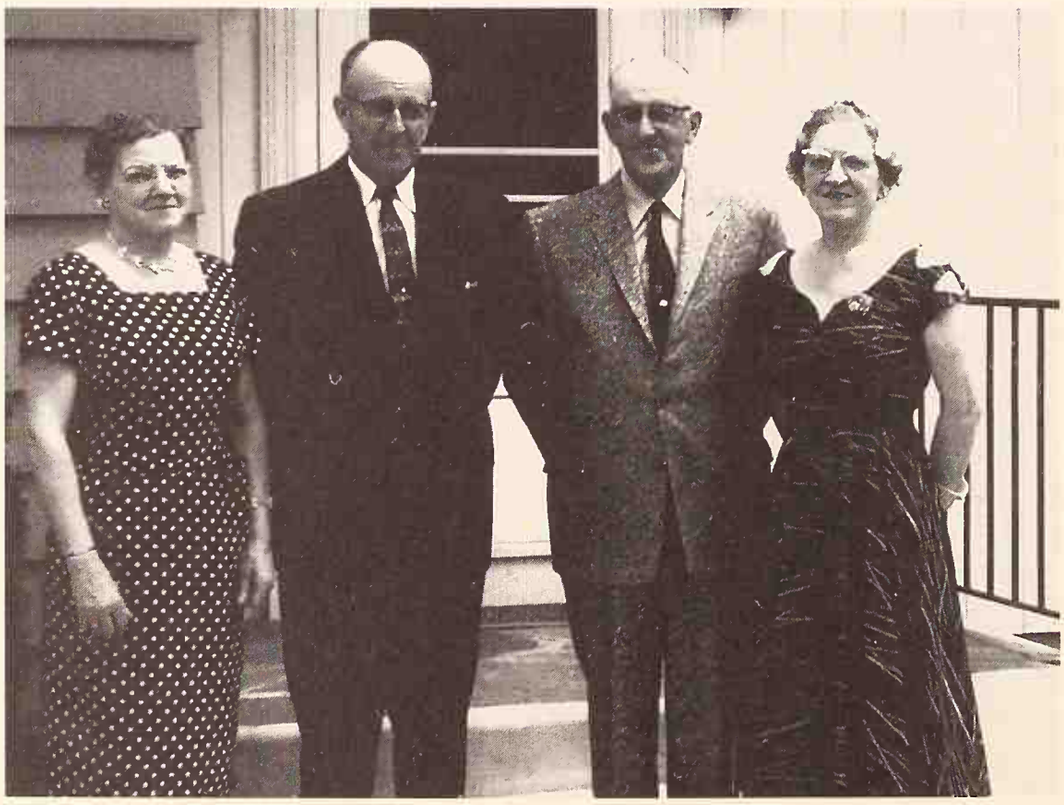
9. Birth certificate of Gerald James Parsons, 1924, #50719, VRS, NYSDH, Albany; also, Registration No. 2238, City of Syracuse, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Onondaga County Department of Health, Syracuse, N.Y.; Original birth certificate, in possession of the compiler.

10. Baptismal certificate of Gerald J. Parsons, in possession of the compiler.

11. Birth certificate of Paul Wilson Parsons, in possession of Paul W. Parsons and copy in possession of the compiler.

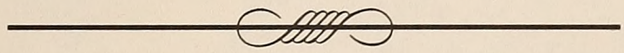
12. Baptismal certificate of Paul W. Parsons, in possession of Paul W. Parsons.

THE FIVE GRANDCHILDREN OF GEORGE R.[4] AND MARY ANN (GORHAM) WILSON AND THEIR SPOUSES



Top, left to right: FRANK H. LEECH, FLORENCE E. (WILSON) LEECH, VERNON E. BOWLER, HARRIET A. (WILSON) BOWLER, NEWTON G. WILSON AND ADRIENNE (EADES) WILSON, AT THE BOWLER FARM, SAVANNAH, NEW YORK, 1958.
Bottom, left to right: VALERIA ANN (WILSON) PARSONS, GEORGE PARSONS, F. STANLEY CROFOOT, ADDIE A. (WILSON) CROFOOT, AT CLYDE, NEW YORK, 1956.

Seventh Generation



JANET CAROLYN (LEECH) (HALE) BEACH
AND HER SECOND HUSBAND
WALTER F. BEACH
1986

SEVENTH GENERATION

48. **JANET CAROLYN[7] LEECH**, daughter of Florence Estelle[6] Wilson (*Gorham J.*[5], *George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Frank Higgins Leech, was born 26 July 1914, at Cortland, Cortland County, New York,[1] and died 27 February 1999, in Community-General Hospital, Syracuse, New York.[2] She married (1) 21 August 1933, at Monroe, New York, **LESTER JAMES HALE**,[3] who was born 25 May 1908, at Syracuse,[4] and died there 25 January 1979,[5] son of Andrew Furman and Hannah Elizabeth (Howlett) Hale.[4] Janet married (2) 25 January 1984, in the First Presbyterian Church at Syracuse, **WALTER FRANKLIN BEACH**,[6] who was born 13 October 1908, at Manlius, Onondaga County, New York,[4] and died 31 January 1994, at Baldwinsville, Onondaga County, New York.[7]

Janet C. (Leech) (Hale) Beach attended Syracuse University and was a secretary for the Supreme Court in Onondaga County for many years. She was active in many social and hereditary organizations including the Order of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

CHILD of Janet Carolyn[7] Leech and Lester James **HALE**:[8]

i. JOHN FURMAN[8], b. 2 July 1935, Syracuse, N.Y.; m. (1) 11 Apr. 1959, Syracuse, MARY JANE SEGOVIS, divorced; m. (2) 5 Oct. 1962, Syracuse, DOROTHY RUTH HOFSTETTER, divorced; m. (3) 1977, Syracuse, JEAN SNELL, divorced; m. (4) 6 Oct. 1987, First Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, JOANNE (MCCABE) VAN DYKE.

Children of John Furman[8] and Mary Jane (Segovis) **HALE**: (Born at Syracuse, N.Y.)

1. *Andrew Louis*[9], b. 13 Sept. 1960; m. 3 June 1996, New York City, Alice Miriam Kyobutungi Rwabazaire; n.i.
2. *Matthew John*, b. 21 Jan. 1962; m. (1) 13 Oct. 1980, Syracuse, Gladys Lapore, divorced; m. (2) 3 April 1999, Syracuse, Tammy Schenck.

Children of Matthew J.[9] and Gladys (Lapore) **HALE**: (Born at Syracuse, N.Y.)

a. Matthew John, Jr.[10], b. 21 Jan. 1981
b. Joseph Charles, b. 15 Dec. 1981

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of Janet C. Leech, 1914, #49740, Vital Records Section, N.Y. State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH].

2. Obituaries in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday, 2 Mar. 1999, p. B4, col. 3; and *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Tuesday, 2 Mar. 1999, p. C4, col. 3.

3. Marriage certificate of Janet C. Leech, 1935, #26018, VRS, NYSDH.

4. Data from Janet C. (Leech) (Hale) Beach.

5. Obituaries in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Thurs., 25 Jan. 1979, p. 38, col. 3; and *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, Friday, 26 Jan. 1979, p. 7, cols. 4-5.

6. Wedding announcement sent to the compiler.

7. Obituary in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Wednesday, 2 Feb. 1994, p. B2, col. 3. All Syracuse newspapers are on microfilm in the Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

8. All the following data from Janet C. (Leech) (Hale) Beach and John F. Hale.

ROBERT WILSON BOWLER
AND
THELMA (LUSINK) BOWLER
1961

49. **ROBERT WILSON**[7] **BOWLER**, son of Harriet Ann[6] Wilson (*Gorham J.*[5], *George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Vernon Edward Bowler, was born 21 June 1913, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York,[1] and died 17 May 1974, at Dayton, Ohio.[2] He married 25 November 1937, at Rochester, New York, **THELMA ETHELWYN LUSINK**,[3] who was born there 30 May 1916,[4] and died 28 March 1981, at Dayton, daughter of John and Sarah Marie (Pencille) Lusink.[5]

Robert W. Bowler attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor but did not graduate. He worked for the Delco Company in Rochester where the family resided until July 1966 when they moved to Dayton.[6]

CHILDREN of Robert Wilson[7] and Thelma Ethelwyn (Lusink) **BOWLER**: (Born at Rochester, New York)[7]

i. WOODLEY WILSON[8], b. 8 Oct. 1943; m. 21 Sept. 1963, Williamsville, N.Y., LENORE RHEA FESSARD, b. there 10 Apr. 1943; res. 2003 Burnt Hills, N.Y.
Children of Woodley Wilson[8] and Lenore Rhea (Fessard) **BOWLER**:
1. *LAURI ANN*[9], b. 18 Apr. 1964, Rochester, N.Y.; m. 19 Sept. 1987, Ballston Lake, N.Y., DAVID BRUCE DITTMER, b. 1 Mar. 1960, Plainfield, N.J.; res. 2003 Yokosuka, Japan.
Children: (Surname **DITTMER**)
a. Kathryn Lenore[10], b. 9 Aug. 1989, Schenectady, N.Y.
b. Michael Joseph, b. 18 July 1994, Bellevue, Nebr.
2. *Constance Lynae*, b. 24 May 1966, Rochester, N.Y.; m. 23 May 1992, Ballston Lake, N.Y., JAMES OMUNDSEN.
Child: (Surname **OMUNDSEN**)
a. Samantha Rose[10], b. 2 Mar. 1993, Oswego, N.Y.
3. *Robert Irvin*, b. 26 Aug. 1976, Schenectady, N.Y.; unm.

ii. ETHELWYN MARIE, b. 15 May 1947; m. (1) 31 Dec. 1969, Dayton, Ohio, DANIEL ANTHONY GILUCK, b. 5 Oct. 1943, Grand Rapids, Mich., divorced 15 Mar. 1979, Hillsboro, Ore.; m. (2) 19 Nov. 1980, Hillsboro, WILLIAM EARL DEN BESTE, b. 7 Oct. 1949, Salem, Ore. Ethelwyn graduated from the University of Michigan in 1969; res. 2003 Beaverton, Ore.
Children: (Adopted 28 June 1990)
1. *Michael Shane Den Beste* (ne Michael Antone Milheiser; 1st adopted name Michael Shane Sturdevant), b. 28 Mar. 1975, Portland, Ore.
2. *Pamela Ethelwyn Grace Bowler* (nee Pamela Grace McGann), b. 22 June 1975, Okinawa, Japan; graduated University of Oregon 1999.

iii. JEROME NEWTON, b. 2 Aug. 1953; m. (1) 29 May 1983, Seattle, Wash., NANETTE COUCH, divorced June 1988; m. (2) 10 Aug. 1991, Seattle, PATRICIA DELL (HARDER) PRITCHARD, b. 18 Sept. 1957, Bellevue, Wash. Jerome graduated from Ohio University in 1975; res. 2003 Seattle, Wash.
Children of Jerome Newton[8] and Nanette (Couch) **BOWLER**: (Born at Seattle, Wash.)
1. *Jeremy Robert*[9], b. 13 Sept. 1983
2. *Ryan Steven*, b. 24 Dec. 1985

iv. GORHAM JEPSON, b. 24 Feb. 1959; m. 19 Mar. 1983, Bellevue, Wash., CAROL LOUISE HARDER, b. there 12 Sept. 1961, divorced April 2001; Carol is a sister

to Patricia, wife of Jerome. Gorham graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 1982; res. 2003 Shoreline, Wash.

Children of Gorham Jepson[8] and Carol Louise (Harder) **BOWLER**: (Born at Seattle, Wash.)

1. *Jordan Jepson*[9], b. 4 Oct. 1983
2. *Kyle Wilson*, b. 18 Aug. 1986
3. *Sheela Anne*, b. 2 Apr. 1988

REFERENCES: 1. Data from the late Harriet Ann (Wilson) Bowler, Savannah, N.Y.; Birth not found in New York State VRs index.

2. Obituary from an unknown newspaper, in possession of the compiler.

3. Marriage certificate of Robert W. Bowler, 1937, #59265, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH].

4. Birth certificate of Thelma E. Lusink, 1916, #40575, VRS, NYSDH.

5. Data from Ethelwyn Marie Bowler, Beaverton, Oregon, in 1993.

6. Item in *Wayne County Herald-Eagle,* Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 28 July 1966, in possession of the compiler.

7. All data following came from Mrs. and Mrs. Woodley W. Bowler, Burnt Hills, N.Y.; Ethelwyn M. Bowler, Beaverton, Ore.; Jerome N. Bowler, Seattle, Wash.; and Lauri Bowler Dittmer, Yokosuka, Japan.

JANE WOODLEY (BOWLER) SWEET and Dr. ROBERT B. SWEET
About 1960

50. **JANE WOODLEY[7] BOWLER**, daughter of Harriet Ann[6] Wilson (*Gorham J.*[5], *George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Vernon Edward Bowler, was born 16 May 1920, in the Town of Savannah, Wayne County, New York.[1] She married there at the home of her parents 1 August 1942, **ROBERT B. SWEET**, M.D.,[2] who was born 15 February 1917, at Centralia, Washington, and died 29 January 1980, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, son of Dr. Paul Williams and Daisy Eleanor (Poole) Sweet.[3]

Jane W. Bowler graduated from the University of Michigan School of Nursing at Ann Arbor in September 1941, and after graduation she worked as a registered nurse in the pediatrics unit of the University Hospital. Robert Sweet received his B.S. degree from the University of Washington in 1937 and was graduated from the Medical School of the University of Chicago in 1941. Dr. Sweet interned at the University of Michigan Hospital. At the time of World War II, he trained at the officers' training school at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and was commissioned on 31 July 1942 as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps. After the war the Sweets lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Boston, Massachusetts, and Rochester, New York. In November 1952, they left Rochester and returned to Ann Arbor where Dr. Sweet became chairman of the department of anesthesiology and a professor in the Medical School of the University of Michigan.[4] Mrs. Sweet resides in Ann Arbor.

CHILDREN of Jane Woodley[7] Bowler and Dr. Robert B. **SWEET**:[5]

i. NANCY JANE[8], b. 14 July 1946, Ann Arbor, Mich.; m. there 21 Aug. 1971, DAVID ALAN NOORDAM, b. 29 Jan. 1936, Kalamazoo, Mich.; divorced 12 Feb. 1981, Petoskey, Mich.; res. 2003 Ann Arbor, Mich.
   Child: (Surname **SWEET**)
   1. *Robert Glenn*[9], b. 13 June 1982, Charlevoix, Mich.

ii. ROGER EDWARD, b. 27 Apr. 1949, Boston, Mass.; d. 8 June 1950, Savannah, N.Y.; bur. Butler-Savannah Cemetery at South Butler, N.Y.

iii. BARBARA ANN, b. 1 Sept. 1952, Rochester, N.Y.; m. 22 Aug. 1981, Chichester, N.H., PAUL TWOMEY, b. 16 Mar. 1949, Worcester, Mass.; res. 2003 Chichester, N.H.
   Children: (Surname **TWOMEY**; adopted)
   1. *Caitlin Amanda*, b. 16 Apr. 1985
   2. *Colleen Meagan*, b. 6 Jan. 1989

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of Jane W. Bowler, 1920, #44602, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH]; Data from Harriet Ann (Wilson) Bowler.

2. Marriage certificate of "June" W. Bowler, 1942, #57948, VRS, NYSDH; Clippings from unknown newspapers, in possession of the compiler.

3. Data from Jane W. (Bowler) Sweet, Ann Arbor, Mich.

4. Data from newspaper clippings, one from *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, 6 Aug. 1942, the other dated 7 Aug. 1942 from an unknown paper, in the possession of the compiler.

5. All data following from Jane W. (Bowler) Sweet, Ann Arbor, Mich.

MURRAY WOODRUFF WILSON, 1916-1993
and
IRENE (HANLON) WILSON, 1921-2001

51. **MURRAY WOODRUFF[7] WILSON**, son of Newton Gorham[6] (*Gorham J.*[5], *George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Adrienne Gertrude (Gray-Eades) Wilson, was born 7 December 1916, at South Butler, Wayne County, New York;[1] was baptized 3 October 1920, in the First Presbyterian Church at Fulton, Oswego County, New York;[2] and died 16 September 1993, at his home 212 South Fourth Street in Fulton.[3] He married 5 May 1942, at St. Peter's Church in Oswego, New York, **IRENE HANLON**,[4] who was born 24 April 1921, at Oswego,[5] and died there 15 February 2001, at St. Luke's Health Service,[6] daughter of Michael Jeremiah and Mary Elizabeth (Schickling) Hanlon.[7]

Murray W. Wilson resided most of his life in Fulton and served as a sergeant in the army in World War II. He worked for his father in the N. G. Wilson Book and Stationary Store in Fulton for twelve years. He became owner and operator in 1960 and continued till 1970. In the latter year, Murray Wilson established Wilson's Coffee Service which he continued to shortly before his death. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fulton and the Fulton Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Irene Wilson was associated with her husband in his business ventures.[8]

CHILDREN of Murray Woodruff[7] and Irene (Hanlon) **WILSON**:[9]

i. LOIS ELIZABETH[8], b. 11 July 1944, Inglewood, Calif.; m. 3 June 1967, First Presbyterian Church, Fulton, N.Y., ROBERT CLIFTON NELSON, son of Jack and Eileen (Simonson) Nelson, divorced. Lois graduated from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.; res. 2003 Avon, Conn.
Children of Lois Elizabeth[8] Wilson and Robert C. **NELSON**:
1. *David Robert*[9], b. 24 Jan. 1975, North Kingstown, R.I.; m. 21 June 2001, Trosa, Sweden, Åsa Assplund. He graduated from Avon Old Farms School for Boys, Avon, Conn., 1993, and University of Richmond, Va., 1997.
2. *Matthew Jeremiah*, b. 13 Nov. 1978, Youngstown, Ohio; m. 12 July 2003, Saint Finbar's Church, Burbank, Calif., Alisa Dargenzio. He graduated from Avon High School, Avon, Conn., 1997, and from Cal State at Los Angeles with a degree in engineering 2003.

ii. MURRAY GORHAM, b. 8 June 1949, Fulton, N.Y.; m. there 3 Feb. 1973, Church of the Nazarene, ALISON ANN DUNHAM, dau. of Alton and JoAnne (Ritchie) Dunham, divorced. Murray graduated from Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1976, and he is the general manager at Oswego Industries in Fulton where he resides.
Children of Murray Gorham[8] and Alison Ann (Dunham) **WILSON**:
1. *Alyssa Irene*[9], b. 11 July 1973, Geneva, N.Y.; m. 2 Aug. 1997, Auburn, N.Y., Charles R. Silvanic, Jr. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College, So. Hadley, Mass., May 1995 with a degree in biology.
2. *Kristin Ann*, b. 25 Nov. 1975, Geneva, N.Y.; graduated from Loyola University, Baltimore, Md., May 1997 with a degree in speech and language pathology; unm.
3. *Michael Stuart*, b. 21 Sept. 1978, Syracuse, N.Y.; unm.

iii. STUART EADES, b. 4 Feb. 1954, Fulton, N.Y.; m. 22 Apr. 1989, at The Inn at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., MARGARET MARY MOON, b. 16 June 1962, Syracuse, N.Y., dau. of James Franklin and Catherine Elina (Cornell) Moon. Stuart Wilson graduated from St. John Fisher College, Rochester, N.Y., with a

B.A. degree in anthropology in 1976; and is a mental health case manager with the Mental Health Division, Oswego County Health Department, Oswego, N.Y. Stuart E. Wilson is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Vermont Society (General No. 67900, State No. 1325) and the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge (No. 1497); and is a member and deacon of the Liverpool First Presbyterian Church; res. 2003 Liverpool, N.Y.

Children of Stuart Eades[8] and Margaret Mary (Moon) **WILSON**:

1. *Courtney Elina*[9], b. 29 Oct. 1994, Syracuse, N.Y.
2. *Christian Hanlon*, b. 25 Feb. 1996, Liverpool, N.Y.

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of Murray W. Wilson, 1916, #106480, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH]; also VRs of Town of Butler, Births & Deaths 1913-1921, p. 48.

2. Baptismal certificate, in possession of Stuart E. Wilson, Liverpool, N.Y.

3. Death certificate of Murray W. Wilson, 1993, City of Fulton VRs, Register No. 140, in possession of Stuart E. Wilson; Obituaries in *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, N.Y., Saturday, 18 Sept. 1993, suburban ed., p. A4, col. 1; and *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, Saturday, 18 Sept. 1993, Local News, p. C4, col. 2, both on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse.

4. Marriage certificate from St. Peter's Church, Oswego, N.Y., in possession of Stuart E. Wilson.

5. Birth certificate of "Anna I." Hanlon, 1921, #33917, VRS, NYSDH. She wrote me that her full name was Maryann Irene. Her original birth certificate says Anne Irene and copy from the state in 1942 Anna Irene, both in possession of Stuart E. Wilson. Her baptismal certificate from St. Peter's Church, Oswego, says Mary Ann Irene, her marriage certificate says Irene Maryann and her marriage certificate from St. Peter's Church has Irene A., all in possession of Stuart E. Wilson. Stuart wrote: "As you know, mom always went by Irene. So take your pick. I have no idea really what her 'true' first name officially is." Due to this uncertainty, I have entered her as Irene only. – G.J.P.

6. Obituaries in *The Post-Standard*, Syracuse, N.Y., Saturday, 17 Feb. 2001, p. B4, col. 3; and *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, Syracuse, Saturday, 17 Feb. 2001, p. A4, col. 3.

7. Data from Irene (Hanlon) Wilson and Stuart E. Wilson.

8. Obituaries (*supra* note 3).

9. All data following from Irene (Hanlon) Wilson and Stuart E. Wilson.

MURRAY G. WILSON, LOIS E. WILSON AND STUART E. WILSON
1997

MURRAY GORHAM WILSON AND HIS CHILDREN
MICHAEL S. WILSON, KRISTIN A. WILSON, & ALYSSA I. (WILSON) SILVANIC, & HER HUSBAND,
CHARLES R. SILVANIC, JR. - 2003

STUART EADES WILSON AND HIS WIFE, MARGARET MARY MOON
AND THEIR CHILDREN, CHRISTIAN H. WILSON AND COURTNEY E. WILSON
2003

52. **LOIS CAROLYN[7] WILSON**, daughter of Newton Gorham[6] (*Gorham J.*[5], *George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and Adrienne (Gray-Eades) Wilson, was born 3 February 1918, at Red Creek, Wayne County, New York.[1] She married (1) 2 May 1942, in the First Presbyterian Church at Fulton, New York, **HAROLD F. CURTIS**,[2] who was born 14 June 1914, at Troy, New York, and died 1 May 1993, at Paoli, Pennsylvania,[3] son of Frank Charles and Marie Josephine (Le Duc) Curtis.[4] Lois married (2) 19 August 1994, at St. Simons Island, Georgia, **EDWIN COUCH HUSTER**, annulled in 1995.[3]

Lois Wilson graduated from Fulton High School and studied for a year at Northfield Seminary. She graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Harold Curtis attended Phillips Exeter Academy and was graduated from Yale University and Yale University College of Law.[5] He was an officer in World War II and a lawyer in Rochester, New York. Lois Wilson Curtis now lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CHILDREN of Lois Carolyn[7] Wilson and Harold F. **CURTIS**:[6]

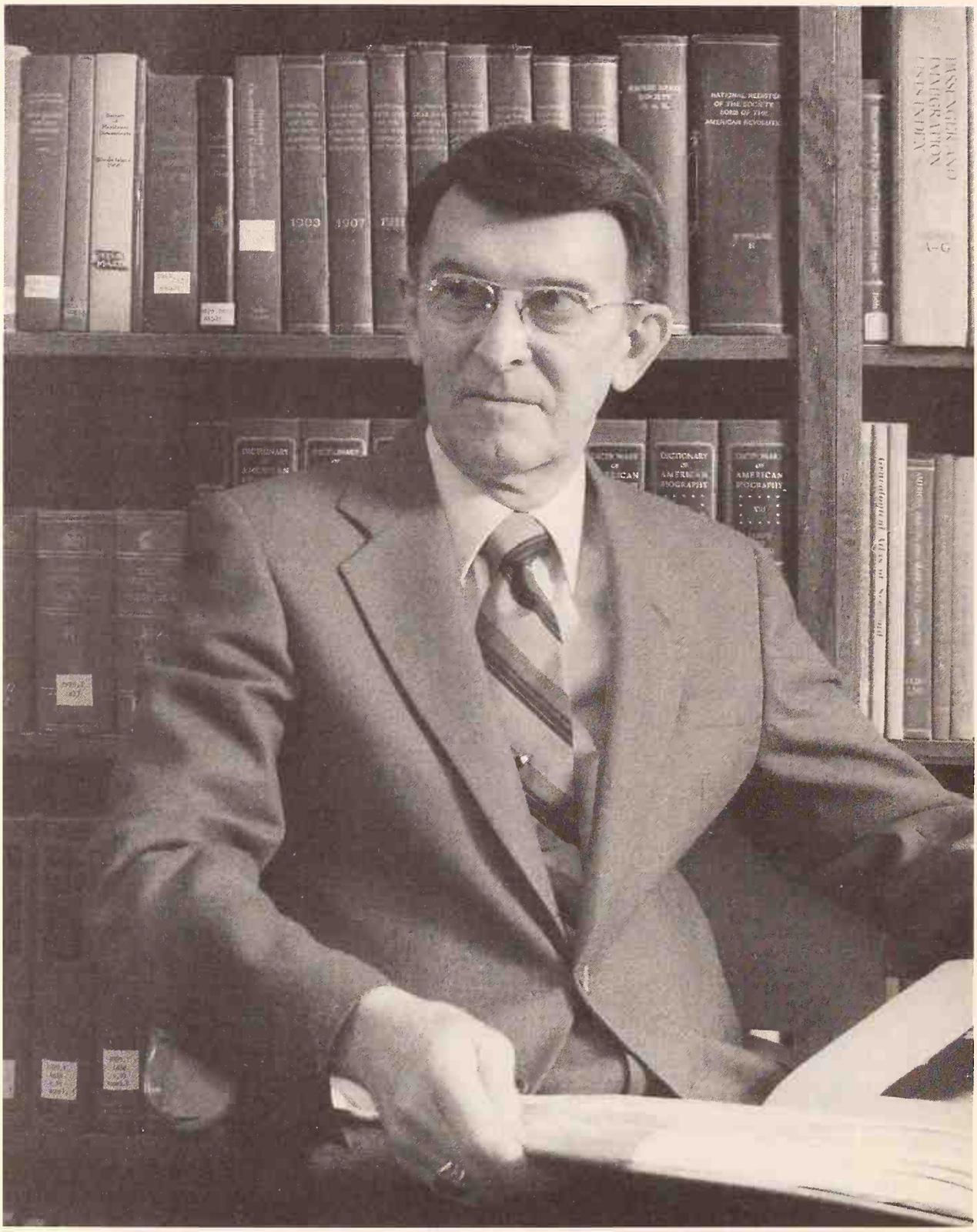
i. CAROLYN WILSON[8], b. 2 Feb. 1945, Summit, N.J.; m. 12 Aug. 1967, Rochester, N.Y., JAMES DORSCH, b. 14 Oct. 1945, Milwaukee, Wisc., son of Albert Herbert and Alice Beatrice (Agin) Dorsch. Carolyn received a B.A. degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; res. 2003 West Chester, Pa.
Children of Carolyn Wilson[8] Curtis and James **DORSCH**:
1. *Curtis James*[9], b. 7 Dec. 1969, Middletown, Pa.; m. 12 July 1987, Ann Arbor, Mich., Suzanne Marie Miller; B.A., Northwestern University; M.D., Hahnemann Medical, Philadelphia, Pa.
Child: (Surname **DORSCH**)
a. Avery Alice[10], b. 19 Dec. 2000, Cincinnati, Ohio.
2. *Bradley Albert*, b. 1 June 1972, Camden, N.J.; m. 17 June 2000, Michele Lynn White; B.A. and D.D.S., Northwestern University.
Child: (Surname **DORSCH**)
a. Emma Grace[10], b. 20 June 2002, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ii. ADRIENNE (called AIMEE) MARIE, b. 30 Dec. 1947, Rochester, N.Y.; m. there 22 June 1968, THOMAS SMIDT, II, b. 15 Jan. 1946, New York City, son of Thomas R. and Camilla (Cole) Smidt; divorced 17 Mar. 1989; res. 2003 Albuquerque, N.M.
Children of Adrienne Marie[8] Curtis and Thomas **SMIDT**, II:
1. *Marie Greta*[9], b. 7 Sept. 1969, Mt. Kisco, N.Y.; m. 7 Nov. 1997, Albuquerque, N.M., Robert William Hamic.
2. *Thomas, III*, b. 6 Apr. 1971, Fairfax, Va.; m. 16 Feb. 2002, Albuquerque, N.M., Leighanne Stofac.
3. *David Marshall*, b. 20 Mar. 1975, Fairfax, Va.; unm.
4. *John Butler*, b. 7 Feb. 1977, Albuquerque, N.M.; unm.

REFERENCES: 1. Birth certificate of Lois C. Wilson, 1918, #16807, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH].
2. Marriage certificate of Lois C. Wilson, 1942, #15647, VRS, NYSDH.
3. Data from Stuart E. Wilson, Liverpool, N.Y.

4. Data from Carolyn (Curtis) Dorsch and Aimee Curtis via Stuart E. Wilson.
5. Data from newspaper clipping on marriage in *Syracuse Herald-American*, Syracuse, N.Y., Sunday, 3 May 1942, p. 15, cols. 3-5, on microfilm in Local History & Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse, N.Y.
6. All data following from Carolyn (Curtis) Dorsch and Aimee Curtis via Stuart E. Wilson.

LOIS CAROLYN (WILSON) CURTIS and HAROLD F. CURTIS
1965



GERALD JAMES PARSONS
1986

53. **GERALD JAMES[7] PARSONS**, son of Valeria Ann[6] Wilson (*George W.*[5], *George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and George Parsons, was born 30 June 1924, in the University Hospital of the Good Shepherd at 110 Marshall Street in Syracuse, New York,[1] and was baptized 9 May 1937, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Clyde, New York.[2]

The childhood of Gerald James Parsons was spent in Syracuse, South Butler, Savannah, Wolcott and Clyde, New York. Mr. Parsons received his education at Clyde High School, which in 1939 became Clyde Central School, entering first grade on 2 September 1930 and his freshman year of high school on 6 September 1938. During his high school days he was a member of the Glee Club for four years, the Dramatic Club for two years and the Art Club. During his senior year he was secretary of his class. Mr. Parsons won the Eastern Star Freshman Scholastic Award in June 1939 and graduated from Clyde Central School as the valedictorian of his class on 24 June 1942. He won a New York State University Scholarship in August 1943.

Gerald J. Parsons entered military service during World War II on 10 March 1943 at Rochester, New York, leaving from Lyons, New York, for Fort Niagara, New York on the 17th. From there he was sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where he arrived on the 21st, being assigned to the 141st Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company. This outfit moved to Camp Forrest, Tennessee, in August 1943, where Mr. Parsons was put on detached service with the 316th Ordnance Battalion Medical Detachment. In November 1943, he was sent to Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, to go through processing for entrance into the Army Specialized Training Program. On 6 February 1944, Gerald J. Parsons entered this college training at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. However, the program was disbanded and on 17 March 1944 the group was sent to the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After receiving some training in this branch of the service, he was sent on furlough to his home after which he reported to Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania, on 4 July 1944. From here he left for Camp Shanks, New York, from where he boarded the *Queen Mary* on 23 July 1944 landing at Gurock, Scotland, on the 28th. He was sent to the 13th Replacement Depot at Oulton Park, Tarporley, Cheshire, England. Mr. Parsons spent the fall of that year with the First Base Post Office living in Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, Warwickshire, and in December was sent to Tidworth Barracks, Tidworth, Hants-Wilts, England. From here he went to Southampton on 3 January 1945 to sail to Le Havre, France. From Le Havre he went to Chamarande, France, then to Landen, Belgium, and then to Vielsalm, Belgium, where he joined Company C, 275th Engineer Combat Battalion, 75th Division, on 27 January 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge. He served with this unit in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, receiving credit for service in the Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland Campaigns. He was transferred to the 101st Airborne Division on 12 October 1945 and from there to the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division on 4 December 1945. Returning home with his unit, he sailed from Southampton on 29 December 1945 on the *Queen Mary* arriving in New York on 3 January 1946 and paraded with this unit in the Victory Parade up 5th Avenue on 12 January 1946. Gerald J. Parsons was honorably discharged on 18 January 1946 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Gerald J. Parsons entered Syracuse University at Syracuse, New York, under the G.I. Bill on 13 May 1946, where he majored in history receiving his A.B. degree Magna Cum Laude on 6 June 1949. During his undergraduate days he was a member of the Syracuse University Chorus and the Social Science Club. On 15 October 1948, he was elected to membership in Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honor society (New York Zeta Chapter). He entered the Graduate School of Library Science (now called the School of Information Studies) at Syracuse University in September 1949 and received his Master of Science in Library Science degree on 5 June 1950. His scholastic record brought his election on 20 April 1950 to Pi Lambda Sigma, honorary library science society (Alpha Chapter of Syracuse). In 1960 this honorary became the Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library science honor society; and consequently, Mr. Parsons is now a member of Beta Phi Mu.

Mr. Parsons studied piano for almost ten years (July 1933-March 1943) under Mrs. Mildred Luffman, Mrs. Irene Tompkins and Mrs. Clara Milem Lytle. However, he had no natural talent, only a love of fine music, so never became an accomplished pianist. He is interested in art and has done some painting in oils, but his first love is genealogy and history. His first piece of historical writing was a paper entitled "History of Clyde from 1722 to 1850," which was done as a class project during his senior year in high school. Published in *The Clyde Herald* in April 1942, it was later published by the New York State Historical Association under the title, "The Story of Clyde: 1722 to 1850," in their publication *The Yorker*, volume 1, numbers 2 and 3, September and October 1942. Mr. Parsons became interested in genealogy at the age of eleven in March 1936 as the result of a geography assignment. Since that time he has collected the records of his family and has had numerous articles published in *The American Genealogist* magazine, founded by Donald Lines Jacobus of New Haven, Connecticut, called the "Dean of American genealogists." Mr. Parsons was a contributing editor of this magazine from 1952 to 1982, having been named by Mr. Jacobus. He has also contributed articles to *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, and *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*. He is currently the Book Review Editor for *Tree Talks*, the journal of the Central New York Genealogical Society in Syracuse. In September 1955, Mr. Parsons was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, the highest honor one can achieve in the field of American genealogy.

In 1984 Mr. Parsons published *The Parsons Family: Descendants of Cornet Joseph Parsons (c.1618-1683), Springfield, Mass., 1636; Northampton, Mass., 1654, Through his Grandson Jonathan Parsons (1693-1782) of Northampton, Mass.; Suffield, Conn.; Sandisfield, Mass.; and Dorset, Vermont*. This book won first prize for the best New England genealogy in the 1989 Literary Contest of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. As a result of this work and the discovery of the Parsons ancestry in England by Mr. Parsons in 1986, the Parsons Family Association asked Mr. Parsons to compile a new genealogy of the descendants of Cornet Joseph Parsons. This 843 page volume, entitled *The Parsons Family, Volume 1: The English Ancestry and Descendants to the Sixth Generation of Cornet Joseph Parsons (1620-1683), Springfield, Massachusetts, 1636; Northampton, Massachusetts, 1654*, was published in May 2002.

It won the Grand Prize for New England Genealogy in the 2003 Literary Contest of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. As a companion volume to this work, Gerald J. Parsons compiled and published in 2003 *Our Parsons Heritage: The Lineage of Gerald James Parsons and Paul Wilson Parsons from Cornet Joseph Parsons (1620-1683), A Native of Beaminster, County Dorset, England, and a Founder of Springfield, Massachusetts, 1636 and Northampton, Massachusetts, 1654.*

A member of the United Methodist Church of Clyde, New York, having joined when it was the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Clyde on Mother's Day, 9 May 1937, and having been baptized the same day, Mr. Parsons also belongs to the following: The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, New York Society (General No. 4934; Society No. 1219); General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Vermont Society (General No. 17735; State No. 262); The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Empire State Society, Syracuse Chapter (National No. 66230; State No. 7760); Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge (No. 973); Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor [Conn.], Inc. (No. 383S); Parsons Family Association, Inc.; Botsford Family Historical Association, Inc.; The Pilgrim John Howland Society; The (Gov. Thomas) Welles Family Association; New England Historic Genealogical Society; National Genealogical Society; Central New York Genealogical Society (honorary life member and honorary life board member); Connecticut Society of Genealogists; Genealogical Society of Vermont; Historic Northampton [Mass.]; Windsor [Conn.] Historical Society; Onondaga Historical Association, Syracuse, N.Y.; Galen Historical Society, Clyde, N.Y.; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and the Alumni Associations of Syracuse University and of its School of Library Science, now called the School of Information Studies. He formerly belonged to the Society of Genealogists, London, and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

On 1 September 1950, Gerald J. Parsons joined the staff of the Rochester Public Library in Rochester, New York. He was the assistant librarian in the Local History Division, 1950-1953, and on 1 November 1953, he was appointed head of the Education, Philosophy and Religion Division. Mr. Parsons resigned this position in July 1958 to join the staff of the Syracuse Public Library on 1 September 1958 to succeed Miss M. Frances Ferris as head of the Local History and Genealogy Department of that library. The Syracuse Public Library became the Onondaga County Public Library on 1 January 1976, and Mr. Parsons retired from there 1 March 1986, after almost 28 years as the librarian of the Local History and Genealogy Department.

In 1966 Gerald J. Parsons designed and had built a new home at 224 Arnold Avenue in Syracuse where he resides. As a retirement gift to himself, Mr. Parsons went to Great Britain in September 1986 for four weeks. He wanted to see more of England, sites he had not been able to get to during the war, Scotland and Wales. In 1990 he spent six weeks in England and in 1993 two weeks. In 1995 he, with his cousin Janet (Leech) Beach, went on a Mayflower tour to England and Holland. In 1998 he did two tours, the Parsons Family Tour to the Parsons ancestral town of Beaminster in Dorset and a "Mary & John" Tour to the West Country of England.[3]

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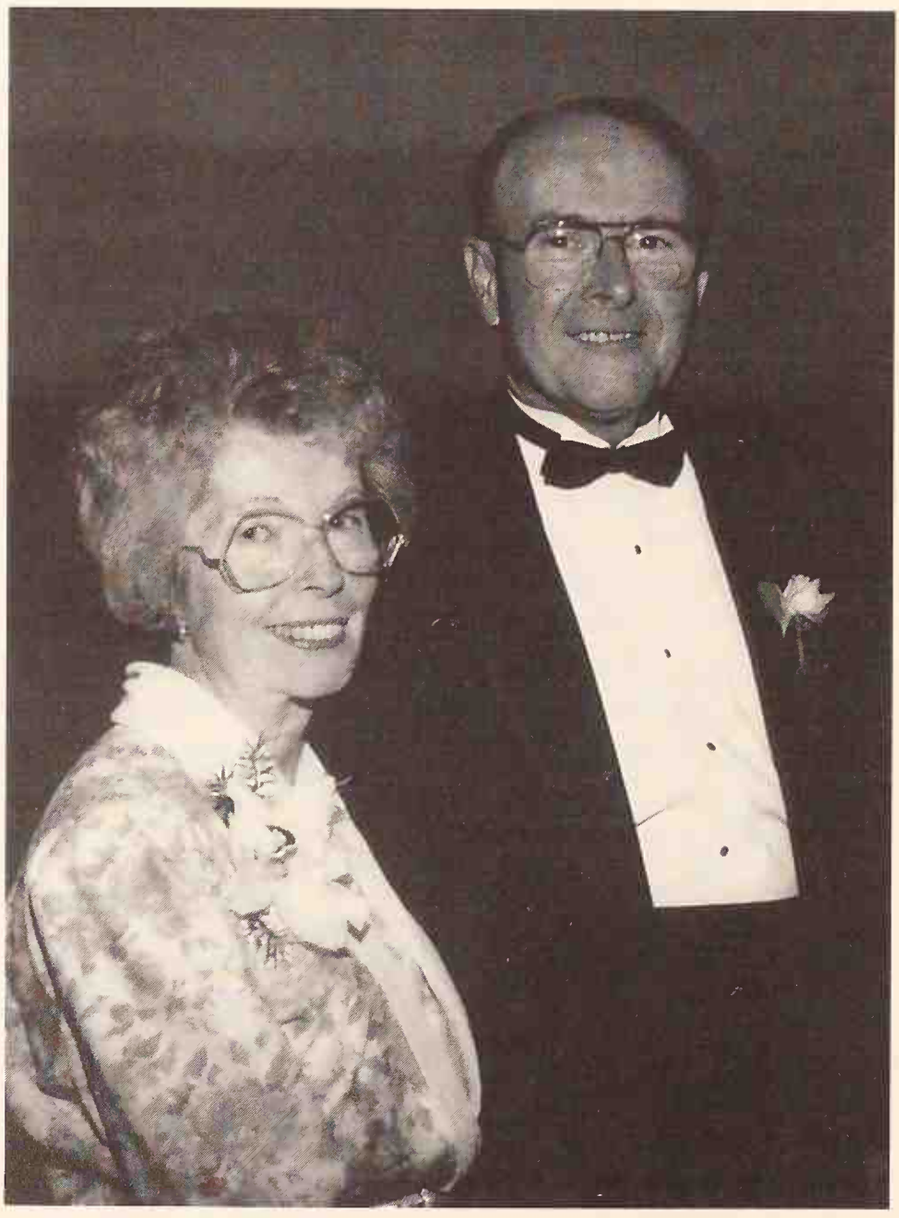

PAUL WILSON PARSONS and JOY GAYLORD (BRIGGS) PARSONS
1993

54. **PAUL WILSON[7] PARSONS**, son of Valeria Ann[6] Wilson (*George W.*[5], *George R.*[4], *Riley*[3], *William*[2], *John*[1]) and George Parsons, was born 25 June 1931, in the Barber Hospital at Lyons, Wayne County, New York,[1] and was baptized 9 May 1937, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Clyde, New York.[2] He married 1 February 1958, at the First Baptist Church in Wolcott, New York, his third cousin, **JOY GAYLORD BRIGGS**,[3] who was born 18 June 1930, at the home of her parents in the Town of Butler, Wayne County, New York, south of the village of Wolcott, daughter of Floyd Wayne and Irene (Gaylord) Briggs.[4]

Paul Wilson Parsons spent his childhood in Clyde, New York, and attended Clyde Central School, where he was outstanding both as a scholar and an athlete. During his freshman year in high school he won the Eastern Star Freshman Scholastic Award, and in his sophomore year he won the Alumni Mathematics Prize. Mr. Parsons served as vice president of his sophomore class and as president of the Student Council during his senior year. He was a member of the school band all through high school, playing the clarinet, and in 1947 was selected a member of the All-State Band of the New York State School Music Association. Mr. Parsons was a member of the baseball team for four years being captain during his junior and senior years; manager of the football team for four years; a member of the bowling team for four years; and a member of the basketball team for three years, being co-captain of the championship basketball squad during his senior year. Other activities during his high school years included his selection as Clyde's representative to Empire Boys' State at Colgate University 27 June to 3 July 1948; his election as one of the honorary trustees of Clyde during Boys and Girls Week, 24 April to 1 May 1948; and his selection as the boy's representative from Clyde Central School to Citizenship Day at Syracuse University in May 1949. Paul W. Parsons graduated as salutatorian of his class on 27 June 1949.

Mr. Parsons joined the First Methodist Church of Clyde on 18 May 1941, having been baptized on Mother's Day, 9 May 1937. For several years he belonged to the Boy Scouts and was their scribe contributing articles on the activities of the group to *The Clyde Herald* in 1945. Paul W. Parsons entered Syracuse University in September 1949, where he majored in accounting in the College of Business Administration, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree on 1 June 1953. On 5 April 1952, he was initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi, national commerce business administration professionl fraternity (Alpha Omicron Chapter of Syracuse); and on 25 March 1953, he was initiated into Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting fraternity (Xi Chapter of Syracuse). In October 1952, Mr. Parsons received a $500.00 General Electric Scholarship (non-technical), being one of six students chosen on a nationwide basis to receive this non-technical grant form the General Electric Company.

Paul W. Parsons enlisted for three years in the Army Security Agency on 16 July 1953 at Syracuse. He was sent to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where he arrived on the 17th and where he was assigned to Co. G, 1013th ASU Reception Center, Barracks 1654, changing to Barracks 1655 on 4 August. He was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, for basic training on 25 August 1953 and trained as a member of A Battery, 84th Field Artillery Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. Leaving Fort Dix on 27

October, Paul returned to Fort Devens arriving there on 5 November 1953 and was assigned to Rec. Co., ASATC, 8622 AAU. On 9 December 1953, he was assigned to Co. B, Army Security Agency Student Regiment, 8622 AAU at Fort Devens for special training. His schooling began 4 January and ended 26 June 1954. Upon completion of this training, he was sent to the Far East. Flying from Syracuse via New York and Minneapolis, he arrived at Fort Lewis, Washington, on 29 June 1954 and was assigned to Casual Enlisted Section, O/S Replacement Station. On the 9th of July he sailed for Yokohama, Japan, on the *U.S.S. Mitchell*, being assigned to Casual Detachment, Hg. Co., 8621st Administrative Area Unit, ASA Pacific, APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, and arrived on the 21st being sent by train from Yokohama to Camp Drake, Tokyo, and later that day to Oji Camp, Tokyo. He flew to Clark Air Base in the Philippine Islands on 25 July 1954 and was assigned to Field Station 8609 Administrative Area Unit, APO 74, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, Box 496. This address was later changed to F.S. 8609 DU, Box 496, APO 74, San Francisco. He was promoted to P.F.C. on 15 October 1954 and to Specialist 3rd Class on 21 November 1955. Leaving Clark Field on 16 June 1956 and flying to San Francisco via Hawaii, Paul Parsons arrived at San Francisco on the 18th and was sent immediately to Oakland Army Base. From the latter place he was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was separated from the service on 27 June 1956. He received his honorable discharge in June 1961.

On 8 October 1956, Paul W. Parsons started working for the General Electric Company at Electronics Park near Syracuse, New York. He was accepted as an accountant under their three year training program. Upon completion of this training, he was given further training in computers and was a computer programmer from 1959 to 1961. In 1961 Mr. Parsons was named a Systems Analyst-Programmer and in 1963 a Business Systems Engineer (Systems Analyst). In 1965 he was promoted to Senior Business Systems Engineer and in 1969 to Manager of Information Processing. In 1982 he was named Manager of Information Systems Planning in the Information and Communications Operation of the Video Products Business Division of the General Electric Company at Suffolk, Virginia (postal address Portsmouth, Virginia). Mr. Parsons retired 31 December 1987.

Joy (Briggs) Parsons attended Leavenworth Central School in Wolcott, New York, graduating 28 June 1948, and then she attended the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Potsdam, New York, receiving her associate degree in food services administration on 2 June 1950. Mrs. Parsons's great-grandfather, Luman Briggs, was a brother to Paul Parsons's great-grandmother, Caroline (Briggs) Niles. Thus Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are both great-great-grandchildren of Jonathan and Emiline (Baker) Briggs of North Rose, Wayne County, New York. Paul Wilson Parsons is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Vermont Society (General No. 71,640; State No. 1430).

Paul and Joy Parsons bought a home at 101 Garfield Avenue in Liverpool, New York, in 1959 and lived there until August 1976, when Mr. Parsons was transferred to Virginia. They bought a home at 3912 Cannon Point Drive in Chesapeake, Virginia,

where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are members of the First United Methodist Church of Liverpool, New York.[5]

CHILDREN of Paul Wilson[7] and Joy Gaylord (Briggs) **PARSONS**:

i. CYNTHIA IRENE[8], b. 15 June 1953, Auburn Memorial Hospital, Auburn, N.Y.;[6] bp. 4 Apr. 1965, First Methodist Church, Liverpool, N.Y.;[7] m. 12 Sept. 1981, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Hannibal, N.Y., WILLIAM FRANCIS SULLIVAN, IV, b. 29 Nov. 1953, Syracuse, N.Y., son of William Francis Sullivan, III, and Margaret Theresa (Fallon) Sullivan. Cynthia (Parsons) Sullivan graduated from Syracuse University with an A.B. degree on 8 May 1976 and engaged in social work until the birth of her first child. She is now (2003) working as a teacher's aide in the Hannibal Central School system. Res. 2003 Hannibal, N.Y.

Children of Cynthia Irene[8] Parsons and William Francis **SULLIVAN**, III: (Born in Community-General Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y.)

1. *Cory William*[9], b. 11 July 1988
2. *Kate Irene*, b. 1 Nov. 1993

ii. BRIAN JAMES[8], b. 30 May 1959, St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y.;[8] bp. 25 Sept. 1960, First Methodist Church, Liverpool, N.Y.;[9] m. (1) 21 Sept. 1979, at Asbury United Methodist Church, Portsmouth, Va., STEPHANIE KUEBLER, b. there 22 June 1961, daughter of Donald Stephen and Helen Frances (Benton) Kuebler; divorced 8 May 1991;[10] m. (2) 17 April 1993, at Nimmo United Methodist Church, Virginia Beach, Va., BETTIE (called BETSY) TERESA ALEXANDER,[11] b. 29 Mar. 1963, Springfield, Ill., daughter of James Perry Alexander, Jr., and Bettie Lloyde (Eaton) Alexander.[12] Brian James Parsons graduated from Tidewater Community College, Portsmouth, Va., with an Associate in Applied Science degree and until 2001 was a nuclear refueling facility supervisor with the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va. On 1 June 2002, he resigned this position and accepted a position as an engineering technician on 4 June with SUPSHIP (Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Portsmouth), a U.S. government agency.[13] Brian is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Vermont Society (General No. 67699; State No. 1317). Res. 2003 Chesapeake, Va.

Children of Brian James[8] and Bettie/Betsy Teresa (Alexander) **PARSONS**: (Born in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Va.)[14]

1. *Connor Alexander*[9], b. 8 Jan. 1995
2. *Mollie Alexander*, b. 28 Sept. 2000

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2. Baptismal certificate of Paul W. Parsons, in possession of Paul W. Parsons.
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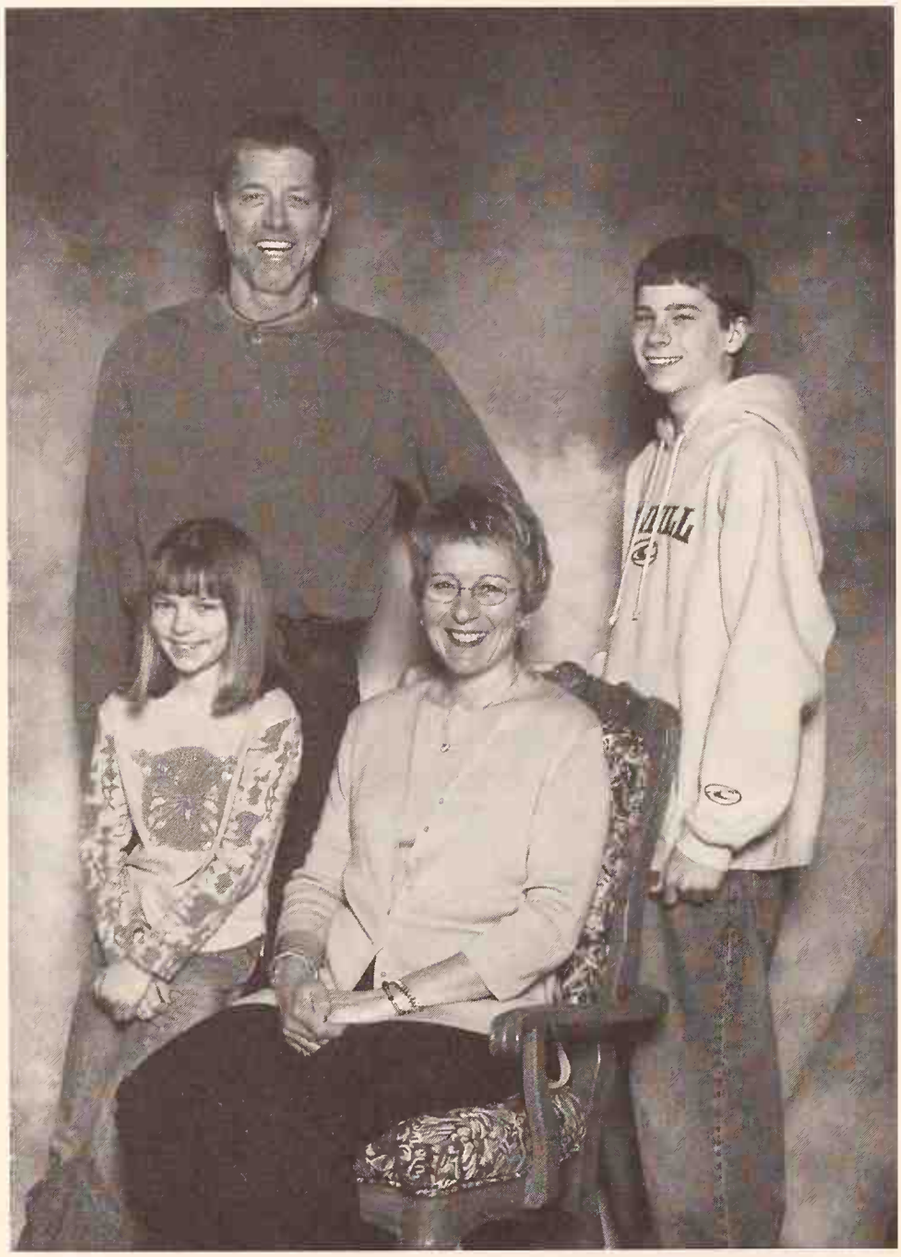

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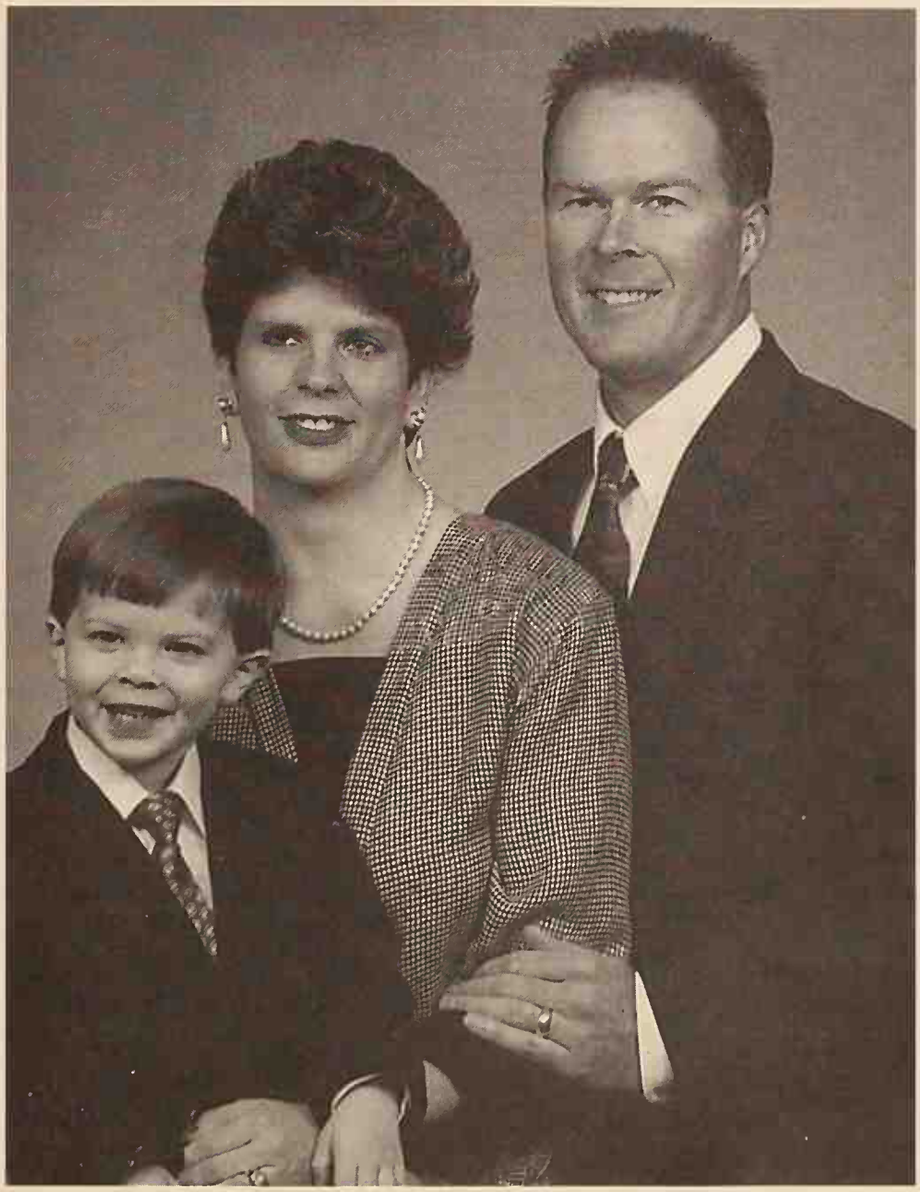
2003



TOP LEFT: BRIAN JAMES PARSONS, BETTIE TERESA (ALEXANDER) PARSONS AND THEIR SON, CONNOR ALEXANDER PARSONS – 1997
BOTTOM RIGHT: CONNOR ALEXANDER PARSONS AND MOLLIE ALEXANDER PARSONS - 2002

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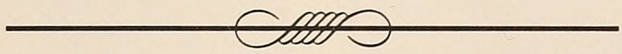

JOHN GORHAM
1794 – 1864

POLLY ANN PALMER
2nd wife of John Gorham
1797 – 1863

PARENTS OF MARY ANN (GORHAM) WILSON

TILLEY – HOWLAND – GORHAM

THE MAYFLOWER LINEAGE OF MARY ANN GORHAM, WIFE OF GEORGE R.[4] WILSON, AND HER DESCENDANTS

1. **JOHN TILLEY**, *Mayflower* Pilgrim, bp. 19 Dec. 1571, Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Henlow, Bedfordshire, England, son of Robert[A] (*William*[B], *Thomas*[C], *Henry*[D]) and Elizabeth (———) Tilley; d. 1621, Plymouth; m. 20 Sept. 1596, Henlow, **JOAN (HURST) ROGERS**, *Mayflower* Pilgrim, bp. 13 Mar. 1567[/8]; d. 1621, Plymouth, daughter of William and Rose (———) Hurst and widow of Thomas Rogers. John and Joan Tilley came on the *Mayflower* in 1620 and both died in the general sickness during the winter at Plymouth, now Plymouth, Massachusetts.[1]

2. **JOHN HOWLAND**, *Mayflower* Pilgrim, b. say 1592, Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire (now Cambridgeshire), England, son of Henry[A] and Margaret (————) Howland;[2] d. 23 Feb. 1672[/3], aged "about eighty yeares," Plymouth, part now Kingston, Mass.;[3] m. about 1624, **ELIZABETH TILLEY**, *Mayflower* Pilgrim, bp. 30 Aug. 1607, Henlow, Bedfordshire, England;[4] d. 21 Feb. 1687[/8], Swansea, Mass.,[5] daughter of **John** and **Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley**, above.[1]

3. **DESIRE HOWLAND**, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland of the *Mayflower*, b. about 1625, Plymouth, Mass.;[6] d. 13 Oct. 1683, Barnstable, Mass.;[7] m. about 1643, Plymouth, CAPTAIN **JOHN GORHAM**,[8] bp. 28 Jan. 1619[/20], Benefield, Northampshire, England, son of Ralph Gorham;[9] d. in service in King Philip's War and buried 5 Feb. 1675[/6], Swansea, Mass.[10]

4. **JABEZ GORHAM**, son of John and Desire (Howland) Gorham, b. 3 Aug. 1656, Barnstable, Mass.;[11] d. 1725 (between 16 Mar. 1724/5, date of will, & 20 April 1725, date will proved), Bristol, R.I. (then Mass.);[12] m. about 1676, **HANNAH (STURGIS) GRAY**,[13] who d. 17 Oct. 1736 & buried Brewster, Mass.,[14] daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Hinckley) Sturgis and widow of John Gray.[13] Jabez Gorham served in King Philip's War.[15]

5. **JABEZ GORHAM**, son of Jabez and Hannah (Sturgis) (Gray) Gorham, b. 31 Jan. 1683/4, Bristol, R.I.;[16] d. there 21 Nov. 1745;[17] bur. 23 Nov. 1745 from St. Michael's Church, Bristol;[18] m. by 1707, **LEAH LITTLEFIELD**, b. 16 Sept. 1687, Wells, Maine;[19] d. 13 May 1739, Bristol;[20] bur. 15 May 1739 from St. Michael's Church, Bristol;[21] daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Barrett) Littlefield.[19]

6. **NATHAN GORHAM**, son of Jabez and Leah (Littlefield) Gorham, b. 8 Jan. 1725/6, Bristol, R.I.;[22] bapt. 30 Jan. 1725[/6], St. Michael's Church, Bristol;[23] d. probably before 6 Dec. 1780, Canterbury, Conn.;[24] m. 14 May 1751, South Kingstown, R.I., **SUSANNA KELLY**,[25] probably the "wife of _____ Goram" who d. 17 Feb. 1776, Canterbury.[26] Her parentage has not been found.

7. **EPHRAIM GORHAM**, son of Nathan and Susanna (Kelly) Gorham, b. 31 Mar. 1753, Canterbury, Conn.;[27] d. 23 Aug. 1830, Elbridge, N.Y.;[28] m. **SARAH STAPLES**,[29]

b. 24 Aug. 1754, Pomfret, Conn.;[30] d. May 1841, Elbridge,[31] daughter of Jacob and Eunice (Cady) Staples.[32] Ephraim Gorham was a Revolutionary soldier.[33]

8. **JOHN GORHAM**, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Staples) Gorham, b. 14 May 1794, eastern N.Y. State;[34] d. 9 June 1864, Savannah, N.Y.;[35] m. there (2) 6 Sept. 1835, **POLLY ANN (PALMER) CUSHMAN**,[36] b. 1797, Throop (then Aurelius), N.Y.;[37] d. 11 May 1863, Savannah,[38] daughter of Prentice and Mary Ann (Dunning) Palmer and widow of David Cushman.[39] John Gorham was a soldier in the War of 1812.[40]

9. **MARY ANN GORHAM**, daughter of John and Polly Ann (Palmer) (Cushman) Gorham, b. 20 Dec. 1836, Savannah, N.Y.;[41] d. 6 Sept. 1907, South Butler, N.Y.;[42] m. 29 July 1855, Savannah, **GEORGE RILEY WILSON**,[43] b. 6 Jan. 1835, Elbridge, N.Y.;[44] d. 28 Oct. 1904, South Butler, N.Y.,[45] son of Riley and Belinda (Adams) Wilson.[46]

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21. Letter from Betty Vargas, Parish Secretary of Saint Michael's Church, Bristol, 4 Feb. 1992; Arnold (*supra* note 16), 8(1896):227.

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24. On 6 Dec. 1780, Joseph and George Gorham of Norwich, Hampshire Co., Mass., and Ephraim Gorham of Canterbury, Conn., sold land in Canterbury to Zachariah Waldo, and these men sold more land there on 5 Feb. 1781 [Canterbury Deeds, 8:432, 439 (FHL microfilm #3973)]. Since no deeds are on file showing the purchase of these lands by the Gorham brothers, it seems likely that Nathan had died by that time and that his sons were disposing of his property.

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36. Family Bible of John Gorham (*supra* note 34); W. H. McIntosh, *History of Wayne County, New York* (Philadelphia, Pa., 1877), p. 161; George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part I, p. 350.

37. Calculated from age at death.

38. Gravestone, Butler-Savannah Cemetery, South Butler, N.Y.

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40. War of 1812 records in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.; New York, Adjutant General's Office, *Index of Awards on Claims of the Soldiers of the War of 1812* (Albany, N.Y., 1860; reprint Baltimore, Md., 1994), p. 201.

41. Family Bible of John Gorham (*supra* note 34).

42. Death certificate of Mary Ann Wilson, 1907, #40271, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; Obituaries, from *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., Friday, 13 Sept. 1907, and *The Clyde Times*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 12 Sept. 1907, in possession of G. J. Parsons and on microfilm in Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

43. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn), in possession of G. J. Parsons.

44. Application of George R. Wilson for insurance with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, in possession of G. J. Parsons.

45. Death certificate of George R. Wilson, 1904, #45949, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y.; Obituaries, one from *The Savannah Times*, Savannah, N.Y., undated, and one from an unknown newspaper, both in possession of G. J. Parsons.

46. Death certificate of George R. Wilson (*supra* note 45); Cowles, *Landmarks of Wayne County* (*supra* note 36), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 229; Gerald James Parsons, "John Wilson, Mariner . . . of Taunton, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants," in *The American Genealogist*, 44(1968):32, 35.

Note: The following descendants of Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson have been or are members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants:

1. Janet (Leech) (Hale) Beach, Syracuse, N.Y., joined the Iroquois Colony (now defunct) of the New York State Society, year unknown.

2. Gerald James Parsons, Syracuse, N.Y., joined the Vermont Society on 16 June 1949 (General No. 17735; State No. 262).

3. Paul Wilson Parsons, Chesapeake, Va., joined the Vermont Society on 26 Feb. 2003 (General No. 71640; State No. 1430).

4. Brian James Parsons, Chesapeake, Va., joined the Vermont Society on 29 Mar. 2000 (General No. 67699; State No. 1317).

5. Stuart Eades Wilson, Liverpool, N.Y., joined the Vermont Society on 11 May 2000 (General No. 67900; State No. 1325).

The Vermont Society has enrollment for children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces of members called Junior Green Mountain Pilgrims. They are registered and at 18 will be contacted to join if they so desire. The following have been enrolled:

By Gerald James Parsons: Connor A. Parsons, #127 and Mollie A. Parsons, #159.

By Stuart Eades Wilson: Courtney E. Wilson, #149 and Christian H. Wilson, #148.

LINEAGE OF FLORENCE ADELLA NILES, WIFE OF GEORGE W.[5] WILSON, AND HER DESCENDANTS FROM THE FAMOUS MRS. ANNE HUTCHINSON

1. **ANNE MARBURY**, daughter of Rev. Francis and Bridget (Dryden) Marbury, bp. 20 July 1591, Alford, Lincolnshire, England; massacred by Indians in what is now the Bronx, New York City, in Aug. 1643; emigrated from England 1634, banished from Massachusetts Bay Colony because of her religious beliefs; m. 9 Aug. 1612, Church of St. Mary Woolnoth, London, **WILLIAM HUTCHINSON**, bp. 14 Aug. 1586, Alford, Lincolnshire; d. 1642, Newport, R.I., merchant, son of Edward and Susanna (————) Hutchinson.[1]

2. **SUSANNA HUTCHINSON**, daughter of William and Anne (Marbury) Hutchinson, bp. 15 Nov. 1633, Alford, Lincolnshire, England;[2] d. before 14 Dec. 1713, North Kingstown, R.I.;[3] m. 30 Dec. 1651, Boston, Mass., **JOHN COLE**,[4] b. about 1625, England;[5] d. 1707, North Kingstown,[6] son of Samuel Cole of Boston.

3. **HANNAH COLE**, daughter of John and Susanna (Hutchinson) Cole, b. 17 Dec. 1668, Boston, Mass.;[7] d. after 1727, probably North Kingstown, R.I.; m. **THOMAS PLACE**, b. about 1663, probably North Kingstown;[8] d. there 1727,[9] son of Enoch and Sarah (———) Place.

4. **THOMAS PLACE**, son of Thomas and Hannah (Cole) Place, b. 2 Nov. 1697, North Kingstown, R.I.;[10] d. between 6 Apr. 1784 and 31 Mar. 1787, Foster, R.I.;[11] m. 16 Mar. [1720 or 1720/1?], North Kingstown, **MARGARET STAFFORD**, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Holden) Stafford.[12]

5. **SARAH PLACE**, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Stafford) Place, b. say 1730 (assuming age 18 or 19 at marriage), probably North Kingstown;[13] d. after 1805, probably East Greenwich, R.I.;[14] m. there 27 May 1749, **JOSIAH JONES**,[15] d. there 1789,[16] son of Seth and Priscilla (———) Jones.[17]

6. **JENKINS JONES**, son of Josiah and Sarah (Place) Jones, b. 20 June 1770, East Greenwich, R.I.;[18] d. there 29 Nov. 1841;[19] m. (1) **DORCAS** _____, who d. there 27 June 1813.[20]

7. **MARGARET JONES**, daughter of Jenkins and Dorcas (———) Jones, b. 19 Dec. 1790, East Greenwich, R.I.;[21] d. 6 Oct. 1850, Willet, Cortland Co., N.Y.;[22] m. 11 Apr. 1811, East Greenwich, **JOHN BRIGGS**,[23] b. there 31 May 1792;[24] d. 4 July 1841, Willet,[25] son of Joseph and Anna (Essex) Briggs.[26]

8. **JONATHAN BRIGGS**, son of John and Margaret (Jones) Briggs, b. 3 Oct. 1812, East Greenwich, R.I.;[27] d. 20 July 1881, North Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y.;[28] m. 17 Oct. 1833, Willet, N.Y., **EMILINE BAKER**,[29] b. 16 May 1812, Watertown, Conn.;[30] d. 1 Aug. 1891, North Rose,[31] dau. of Jonathan and Betsey (Beach) Baker.[32]

9. **CAROLINE BRIGGS**, daughter of Jonathan and Emiline (Baker) Briggs, b. 2 Feb. 1838, Town of Tyre, Seneca Co., N.Y.;[33] d. 19 Apr. 1908, Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y.;[34] m. 30 Dec. 1869, Syracuse, N.Y., **WILLIAM NILES**,[35] b. 2 Oct. 1840, Town of German, Chenango Co., N.Y.;[36] d. 14 May 1917, Adena, Morgan Co., Colo.,[37] son of Caleb W. and Lucy (Norton) Niles.[38]

10. **FLORENCE ADELLA NILES**, daughter of William and Caroline (Briggs) Niles, b. 1 Dec. 1870, Town of German, Chenango Co., N.Y.;[39] d. 8 Aug. 1921, South Butler, Wayne Co., N.Y.;[40] m. 4 Jan. 1893, Rose, N.Y., **GEORGE WELLINGTON WILSON**,[41] b. 12 May 1870, Town of Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y.;[42] d. 14 Aug. 1946, South Butler,[43] son of George R. and Mary Ann (Gorham) Wilson.[44]

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2. Champlin, "Hutchinson Ancestry" (*supra* note 1), p. 168; Anderson, *The Great Migration* (*supra* note 1), 3:481.

3. John B. Peirce, "A Sketch of the Cole Family," in *The Narragansett Historical Register*, 2(1883-1884):182.

4. *[Ninth] Report of the Boston Record Commissioners: Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630-1699* (Boston, 1883), p. 34 (errs in calling John son of Isaac Cole).

5. Mary Lovering Holman, "Parentage of John Cole of Boston, Mass., and Rhode Island," in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 97(1943):194-195 (showing John was aged 53 in 1678 and son of Samuel Cole, not Isaac Cole).

6. John Osborne Austin, *The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island* (Albany, N.Y., 1887), pp. 50, 439.

7. *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths* (*supra* note 4), p. 107.

8. Austin (*supra* note. 6), p. 154 (showing Thomas aged 64 in Aug. 1727, son of Enoch and Sarah Place).

9. Will of Thomas Place of North Kingstown, proved [20 Nov.] 1727, mentions, among others, wife Hannah and son Thomas [North Kingstown Wills, 6:256-259, North Kingstown Town Clerk's Office].

10. For date of birth and marriage to Margaret Stafford, see Gerald James Parsons, "The Thomas Place Family of East Greenwich, R.I., Descendants of Mrs. Anne Hutchinson," in *The American Genealogist*, 38(1962):44-51, at 45.

11. On 25 Nov. 1782, Angell Sweet was appointed guardian of "M^{r}. Thomas Place of Said Foster by Reason of age and Infirmity" [Foster Town Council Records, 1:12 (FHL microfilm #941,052)]. On 4 Apr. 1784, Angell Sweet sold 15 acres of Thomas Place's land being part of his farm to pay debts [Foster Land Evidence, 2:57 (FHL microfilm #930,993)]. Then on 31 Mar. 1787, the Town Council of Foster "Voted that the am^{t}. of Two Rec[e]ipts presented to this Council by Angell Sweet Guardian to Thomas Place Deceased for Taxes by him paid . . . be allowed to the said Angell out of said Estate" [Foster Town Council Records, 1:49 (FHL microfilm #941,052)]. See also, Margery I. Matthews, "The Two Thomas Places of Foster, Rhode Island," in *Rhode Island Roots*, 21(1995):69-71, at 70.

12. Austin (*supra* note 6), p. 386; Parsons, "The Thomas Place Family" (*supra* note 10), p. 45.

13. Heir of Thomas Place on 8 April 1795 [Foster Land Evidence, 3:12-13 (FHL microfilm #930,994)].

14. Sarah witnessed son Jenkins Jones's deed on 4 Dec. 1805 [East Greenwich Land Evidence, 11:226].

15. East Greenwich Register of Births and Marriages, 2:19, at Town Clerk's Office, East Greenwich.

16. East Greenwich Probate Records, 4:152, Town Clerk's Office (adm. appointed 13 Nov. 1789).

17. Gerald James Parsons, "Josiah Jones of East Greenwich, R.I.," in *The American Genealogist*, 32(1956):110.

18. East Greenwich Births and Marriages (*supra* note 15), 2:44.

19. Deaths from Diary of Mrs. Willett H. Arnold of Exeter, R.I., copied by James N. Arnold, from Miss Violet E. Kettelle, East Greenwich, in 1998. Will of Jenkins Jones, 13 Dec. 1833, mentions, among others, his daughter Margaret Briggs [East Greenwich Probate Records, 7:491-493, Town Clerk's Office].

20. Vital records from Smith Diary, copy in possession of Miss Violet E. Kettelle, East Greenwich, in 1998.

21. Records of the John Briggs family written by Jonathan Briggs, the eldest son, and laid in the Briggs Bible, in possession of Mrs. Flossie (Briggs) Gilbert, Portageville, N.Y., in 1999. Photocopy is in the possession of G. J. Parsons.

22. Briggs record (*supra* note 21); Gravestone, Willet Cemetery, Willet, N.Y.

23. East Greenwich Births and Marriages (*supra* note 15), 2:127 ("John Briggs son of Joseph Briggs and Margarit (*sic*) Jones Daughter of Jenkins Jones both of East Greenwich").

24. East Greenwich Births and Marriages (*supra* note 15), 2:186. John was incorrectly recorded as son of Joseph and Susanna. Susanna, first wife of Joseph Briggs, d. abt. 1787 and Joseph m. (2) in 1790 Anna Essex [*ibid.*, 2:127]; Briggs record (*supra* note 21).

25. Briggs record (*supra* note 21); Gravestone, Willet Cemetery, Willet, N.Y.

26. Briggs record (*supra* note 21); Will of Joseph Briggs, 5 Sept. 1842, mentions "son John Briggs (Deceased)" [East Greenwich Probate Records, 8:48]; Lilla Briggs Sampson, "John Briggs of North Kingstown, Rhode Island . . ." (typescript, 1926), Part 3, p. 196, in New York City Public Library.

27. Briggs Bible (*supra* note 21); Alfred S. Roe, *Rose Neighborhood Sketches* (Worcester, Mass., 1893), pp. 124-125; George W. Cowles, ed., *Landmarks of Wayne County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part III, Family Sketches, p. 219; Will of John Briggs of Willet, 8 May 1841, mentions, among others, "my eldest son Jonathan Briggs" [Will Book A, pp. 213-214, Cortland Co. Surrogate's Office, Cortland, N.Y.].

28. Briggs Bible (*supra* note 21); Obituary in possession of G. J. Parsons; Gravestone, Rose Cemetery, Rose, N.Y.

29. Briggs Bible (*supra* note 21).

30. *Supra* note 27 (first three references).

31. Briggs Bible (*supra* note 21); Obituary in possession of G. J. Parsons; Gravestone, Rose Cemetery, Rose, N.Y.

32. Death certificate of "Emaline" Briggs, 1891, #31440, Vital Records Section, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, N.Y. [hereafter VRS, NYSDH].

33. Briggs Bible (*supra* note 21); Niles Bible, in possession of Dewey B. Niles, Denver, Colo., in 1956, whereabouts, if in existence, unknown in 2003, copied by G. J. Parsons in 1956; Will of Jonathan Briggs of the Town of Rose, 30 March 1880, mentions among his children "Caroline Niles" [Will Book S (1881-1882), p. 123, at Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Lyons, N.Y.

34. Death certificate of Caroline Briggs Niles, 1908, #18135, VRS, NYSDH; Obituary, *The Clyde Times*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 23 Apr. 1908, in possession of G. J. Parsons.

35. Niles Bible (*supra* note 33).

36. Niles Bible (*supra* note 33), also in Briggs Bible (*supra* note 21).

37. Death certificate of William Niles, 1917, #4761, Colorado Dept. of Health, Denver; Obituary, *The Lyons Republican*, Lyons, N.Y., Friday, 25 May 1917, in possession of G. J. Parsons.

38. Death certificate (*supra* note. 37); Caleb W. Niles family Bible record, copied by Mrs. Albert Niles, Greene, N.Y., about 1900 and copy sent to G. J. Parsons in 1939.

39. Niles Bible (*supra* note 33); *Rose Neighborhood Sketches* (*supra* note 27), p. 304.

40. Death certificate of Florence A. Wilson, 1921, #46873, VRS, NYSDH.

41. Marriage record of George W. Wilson and Florence A. Niles, 1893, #327, VRS, NYSDH; An original certificate in possession of G. J. Parsons.

42. Wilson "Family Record" (handdrawn & filled in by various family members), in possession of G. J. Parsons.

43. Death certificate of George W. Wilson, 1946, #49909, VRS, NYSDH; Obituary, *The Clyde Herald*, Clyde, N.Y., Thursday, 15 Aug. 1946, in possession of G. J. Parsons.

44. Obituary (*supra* note 43); *Landmarks of Wayne County* (*supra* note 27), Part III, p. 229.

THE FAMILY HISTORY
by
David Willmer Taylor

The following was copied from the Book of Minutes of the Taylor Family Reunions which was in the possession of Mrs. Martha (Westcott) Baker of Savannah, New York, in 1954. I have taken the liberty to correct spellings, as this was written down as Mr. Taylor spoke or else copied from his notes by the secretary. I have not corrected errors of fact but have noted them by [*sic*] or comments. – Gerald J. Parsons

A record of the Family History written by D. W. Taylor, Aug. 26, 1919.

To the Memory of David and Sally Wilson Taylor. We, the Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren have gathered here today to perpetuate the memory of David and Sally Wilson Taylor.

Underneath the social features of the occasion lies the deeper purpose: to emphasize our appreciation of those ancestors and bring home to our hearts sympathy for their hardships, respect for their achievements and veneration for their characters. With a spirit born of faith in their God and in themselves they laid the foundation for the homes of comfort and plenty enjoyed by their children.

The old homestead where some of the descendants now live speaks eloquently to many of us of a past in which loved ones now at rest in the Butler & Savannah Cemetery have taken part. For its venerable buildings, and the site where [stood] the old log house now obliterated, the trees they planted and the land they cleared and tilled we beseech a reverent interest in the heart of every descendant of David and Sally Wilson Taylor. Let it be pointed out to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as the home of their ancestors, a spot to be venerated and loved.

David Taylor was the son of John Taylor. Born in 1812. Died Apr. 20, 1879.

Sally Wilson Taylor was born in New [*sic*] Canaan, Conn., June 4, 1811. Died Jan. 26, 1887.

Nabby Brown Wilson was born (if not mistaken) in North Carolina [*sic*] March 19, 1780. Died June 14, 1871 aged 90 yrs. 3 mo. 5 da.

Chronology we have of our ancestors farther back on Mother's side. Her father's name was Wm. Wilson. He was born in North Carolina [*sic*], came to Connecticut, and there married Nabby Brown. They moved to Elbridge, Onondaga Co., N.Y. Three children were born to them, Eliza, Sally and Riley Wilson. All the children were born at New [*sic*] Canaan, Conn.

Grandfather Wilson was a soldier of the 1812 War. Died at Sackets Harbor, N.Y.

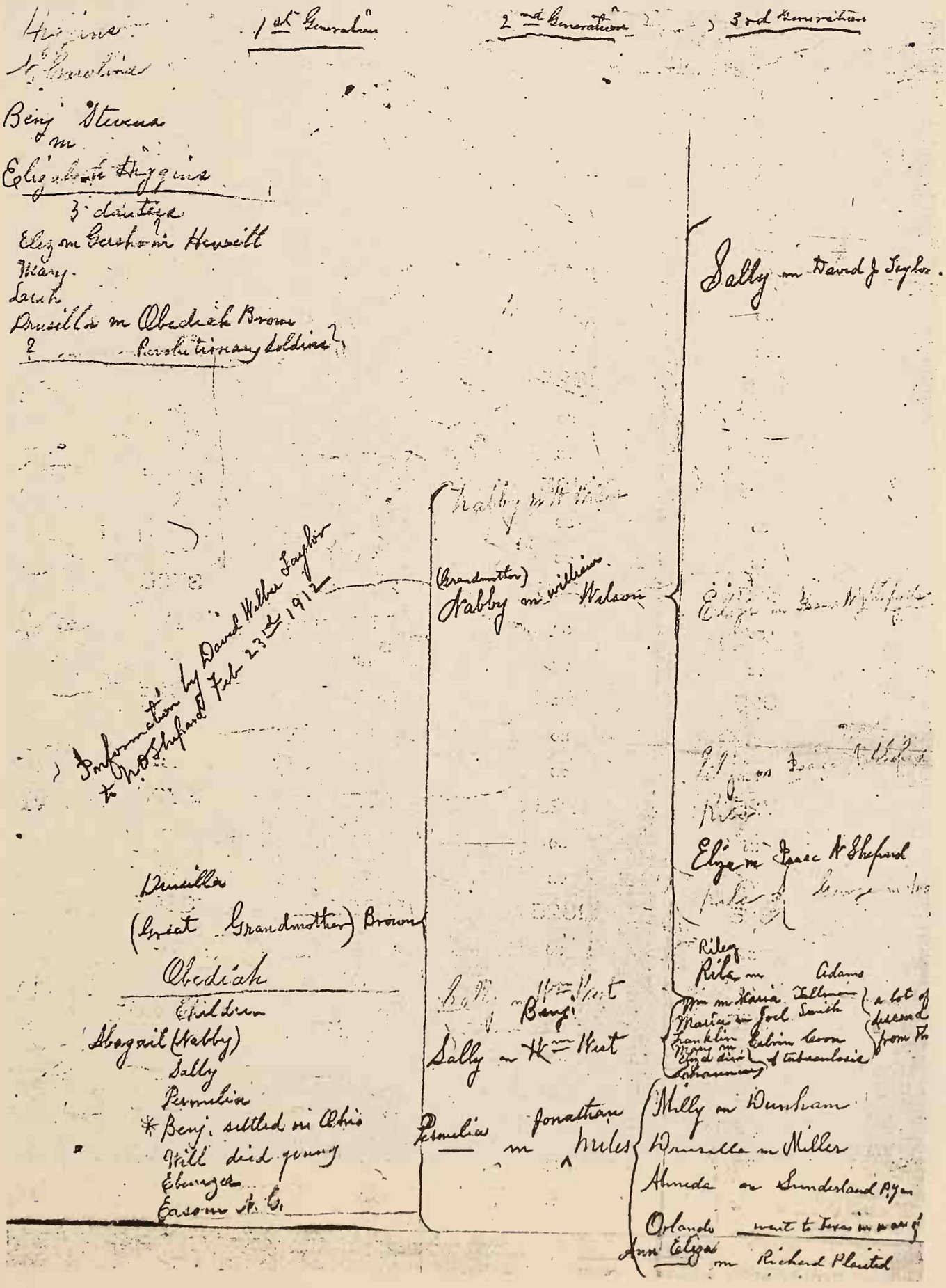
Grandfather Taylor was also a soldier of the 1812 War.

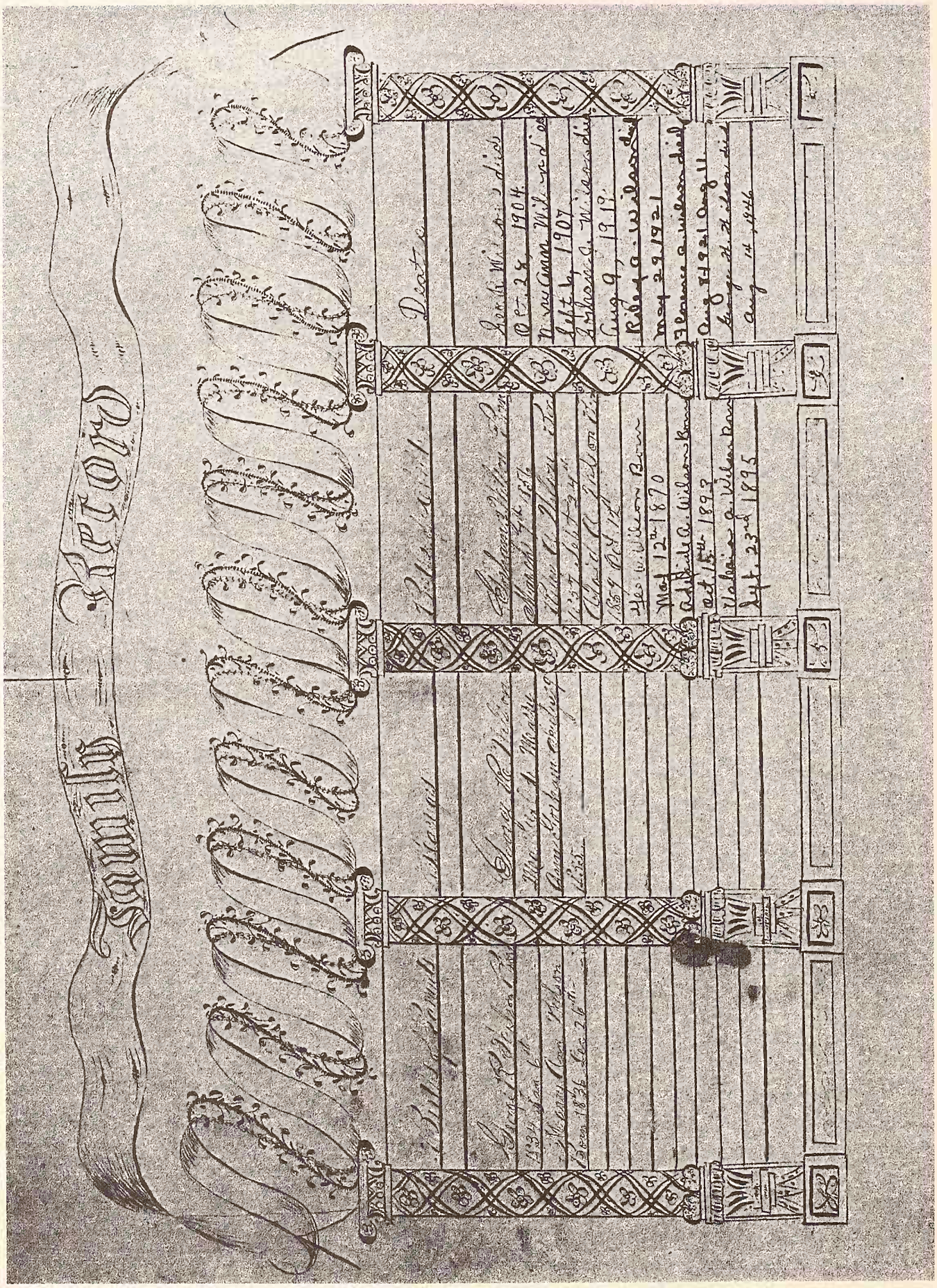
Great-Grandfather Brown was commissioned Colonel on Geo. Washington's Staff in the Revolutionary War. [This is not true. – G.J.P.] So we are justified in assuming that family tradition is true and that his name belongs upon the roll of honor in the War of the Revolution. [Indeed it does for Obadiah Brown served throughout the Revolution and was at Valley Forge. – G.J.P.]

A worthy ancestry is a noble inheritance more to be prized than riches. This we have. Let us cherish it, let us be proud today that we are the descendants of David Taylor and Sally Wilson Taylor.

A PORTION OF THE STEVENS-BROWN-WILSON FAMILY TREE

Compiled by Norman Orlando Shepard of Skaneateles, N.Y., from Data Supplied by David Willmer Taylor, Savannah, N.Y., 23 February 1912





WILSON "FAMILY RECORD"

The following is a copy of the Wilson "Family Record," drawn and decorated by hand, which belonged to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wilson and which is now (2003) in the possession of their great-grandson, Gerald J. Parsons. The year of George R. Wilson's birth should be 1835 and the day of Mary Ann Wilson's birth should be the 20th. Who the original calligrapher was is not known. Later entries were made by various family members.

BIRTHS OF PARRENTS [*sic*]

George R. Wilson Born/ 1834 [*sic*] Jan. 6th
Marry [*sic*] Ann Wilson/ Born 1836 Dec. 26th [*sic*]

MARRIGES [*sic*]

George R. Wilson/ Married to Marry [*sic*]/
Ann Gorham July 29/ 1855.

BIRTHS OF CHILDREN

Gorham J. Wilson Born/ March 7th 1856
Riley A. Wilson Born/ 1857 Sept. 24th
Aelaid [*sic*] A. Wilson Born/ 1859 Oct. 12th
George W. Wilson Born/ May 12th 1870
Adelaide A. Wilson Born/ Oct. 15th 1893 [Daughter of George W. Wilson]
Valeria A. Wilson Born/ Sept. 23rd 1895 [Daughter of George W. Wilson]

DEATHS

Geo. R. Wilson died/ Oct. 28, 1904
Mary Ann Wilson died/ Sept. 6, 1907
Gorham J. Wilson died/ Aug. 9, 1919
Riley A. Wilson died/ May 29, 1921
Florence A. Wilson died/ Aug. 8-1921 Aug. 11 [buried]
George W. Wilson died/ Aug. 14, 1946

Note: The last three entries under Births are in the handwriting of Valeria A. (Wilson) Parsons. The first three entries under Deaths are in the handwriting of Florence A. (Niles) Wilson. The next two are in the hand of Valeria (Wilson) Parsons, and the last was written by Gerald J. Parsons.

"APPLICATION FOR ASSURANCE" by GEORGE R. WILSON

The Particular Attention of Applicants is called to the **INSTALLMENT FEATURE**, which is fully explained in the Company's Documents.

Application for Assurance to

PAGE 1.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,

OFFICE, 144 & 146 BROADWAY, CORNER OF LIBERTY STREET, NEW-YORK CITY.

Particulars required from Persons proposing to effect Assurances on Lives in this Company, and which it is hereby mutually agreed to form a part of the Contract with the Company.

1. Name of the Person whose Life is proposed to be Assured. (WRITE THE NAME IN FULL) — George R. Wilson — Occupation: Farmer — Residence: Place, Savannah; County, Wayne; State, New York — Place of Birth: Shortcreek, Virginia

In giving the Occupation of the Person, it is not sufficient to state (for example) that he is a Merchant or Mechanic, but the particular branch of Business, or the actual Trade, must be specified.

2. A. Are you now Assured in this Company? (YES, OR NO?) — A. No
B. If so, what are the Numbers and Amounts of the Policies? (GIVE THE NUMBER OF EACH POLICY AND THE AMOUNT ASSURED THEREBY SEPARATELY.) — B. —
C. If you are not now Assured, but have been heretofore, state the Number of the Policy. — C. —

3. Sum to be Assured? $ — Dollars.

3. A. Do you wish the Policy made payable in One Sum or in Instalments?

4. What kind of a Policy do you desire? (A Policy, Premiums payable until death?—or, Paid Up in 5 or 10 years?—or, Endowment, payable until age specified?—or, Paid Up in 10 yrs.) (USE LETTER OF PREAMBLE OR NAMES IN FULL) — Premiums Payable until death

5. Do you agree to pay the Premiums Annually, Semi-Annually, or Quarterly? Annually is preferable, if it can be done. — annually

3. B. If in Instalments, how many?

6. Give the Date and Place of your Birth? — Year: 1835; Month: June; Day: 6; State or Country: New York

7. A. What will be your Age next Birthday? — A. 36
B. Are you Married or Single? — B. Married

3. C. Do you wish such Instalments to be Annual, Semi-Annual, or Quarterly?

8. A. Have you ever resided out of the United States? — A. No
B. If so, where, and for what period? — B. —

8. A. If you have ever resided South or West of the Southerly line of Virginia and Kentucky, have you been acclimated? — A. Have lived south
B. If so, how? — B. —

	LIVE OR DEAD?	IF ALIVE, AT WHAT AGE?	STATE OF HEALTH?	AGE AT DEATH?	CAUSE OF DEATH?
10. A. Is your Father alive—or dead?	A. Dead	A. —	A. —	A. about 48	A. Typhoid fever,
B. Is your Mother alive—or dead?	B. Dead	B. —	B. —	B. about 30	B. Pneumania I suppose I think she had Hooping Cough

11.	TOTAL NUMBER?	HOW MANY ARE LIVING?	HOW MANY ARE DEAD?	STATE OF HEALTH OF LIVING?	HOW MANY ARE DEAD?	AGES AT DEATH?	CAUSES OF DEATH?
A. How many BROTHERS have you had?	A. 2	A. —	A. —	A.	A. 2	A. about 2	A. I do not know Cause,
B. How many SISTERS have you had?	B. 1	B.	B.	B.	B. 1	B.	B. died in infancy

10. A. Has your Family been subject to any Hereditary Disease? — A. Yes
B. Have your Ancestors generally reached Old Age? — B. Yes

12. Have you ever had any of the following Diseases: (IF SO, state which, how recently, and the full particulars)
Spitting of Blood, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Rupture, Spine, Liver Complaint, Palpitation, Apoplexy, Fistula, Fits, Consumption, Bronchitis, Insanity, Asthma, Epilepsy, Yellow Fever, Small Pox, Erysipelas, Dropsy, Disease of the Heart, Disease of the Urinary Organs, or any other vital part.
A. Spit some blood about 16 years ago. Caused by Lifting; said by Physician to come from the Throat

14. A. Have you ever had any serious illness, local Disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature? — A. Fever, about ten years ago,
B. Have you ever been Vaccinated? — B. Yes

13. A. Are the Functions of your Brain, Nervous and Muscular Systems, Heart, Lungs, Abdominal and Urinary Organs in a healthy state? — A. Yes
B. And, are you to the best of your knowledge and belief, free from any Disorder, Infirmity, or Weakness, tending to impair your constitution and shorten your life? — B. Yes

16. A. Are your Habits of Life correct and temperate? — A. Yes,
B. Have they always been so? — B. Yes

17. How long since you were attended by a Physician? For what diseases? Give Name and Residence of such Physician. — about 4 years ago. Neuralgia M. P. Pinckney Jo Butler N.Y.

Name and Residence of your usual Medical Attendant? — Hans Mue — Has known me — years. (IF The Blank No. 4 on Page 3 must be filled up and signed by him.)

Name and Residence of an Intimate Friend? — Mr. Reed. — Has known me 216 years. (IF The Blank No. 5 on Page 3 must be filled up and signed by him.)

18. For whose Benefit is the Assurance to be effected? (WRITE ALL WORDS IN FULL) — Mary A Wilson & Boy Children — Relationship to Life to be Assured: Wife & Children — Residence: Place, Savannah; County, Wayne; State, Ohio — Occupation: Hans Keeping

It is hereby Affirmed and Declared by Mary A Wilson & others the Applicant above named, and also by the Person whose Life is proposed for Assurance,—That the Answers to all of the above Questions, and to the Questions propounded to the "Friend" and Physician of the Party on pages 2 and 3, are True and Correct, and that no intentional Omission, Concealment, or Mental Reservation, has been made of any material facts or circumstances relating to the past or present health, habits, or condition, or the family history of the above-named George R. Wilson,

It is also Declared That the above-named Applicant has an interest in the Life of the said person whose Life is proposed for Insurance to the full extent of the amount of Insurance above applied for.

And it is hereby expressly Stipulated and Agreed that the above Application and this Declaration, shall form the basis of the Contract between the above-named persons and the said *THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK*, and, that if any Misrepresentations or fraudulent and untrue Answers have been made; or if any Facts which should have been stated to the Company have been suppressed therein; or if any Violation of the Covenants, Conditions, or Restrictions of the Policy (should one be issued,) shall occur; or any Omission or Neglect to pay any of the Premiums on or before the days on which they shall fall due shall take place; that then, in either event, the said Policy shall become and be Null and Void, and all Moneys which shall have been paid, and also all Dividends which may have accrued thereon, shall be Forfeited to the said Company for its sole use and benefit.

And the said Person whose Life is proposed for Insurance **Further Declares,** That he is not now afflicted with any Disease or Disorder, and that he does not now, nor will he, practice any pernicious Habit that obviously tends to the shortening of Life; also, that the Medical Referee and the Friend above named are fully competent and empowered to give information as to his past and present state of health, and other matters contained in this Application.

Dated at ____ this ____ day of ____ 186 .

Signed in the Presence of }

Signatures of the Applicants or the Persons for whose benefit the Assurance is applied for. — Mary Ann Millson and my Children by

Signature of the person whose Life is proposed for Assurance.

Instructions as to Signatures.

A Husband may sign for his Wife thus: "Mary White by John White" if it be inconvenient to procure her own Signature.

When a Creditor Assures the Life of a Debtor, both must Sign.

When Assurance is desired for the benefit of Minor Children, it should be Signed e.g. "John White, as Guardian (or Trustee,) for Anna B., Lucy M., and Alice White, my Children." (or "Children of ")

The Full names of all the Parties must be written Plainly and Distinctly, especially the Christian Names, which should not be abbreviated; and every Question must be Fully Answered.

Recommended by — Approved by — General Agent at — Local Agent at

Copy of George R. Wilson's Insurance Policy

THE WILSON STORE
by
Gerald James Parsons

The first permanent store established in South Butler, Wayne County, New York, later known as the Wilson Store, was built in 1836 by Ebenezer Cowles Merriman of Elbridge, New York. The first proprietor was Ornan King, after whom the hamlet was then called King's Corners. Both Mr. Merriman and Mr. King died in 1839, and on 14 February 1840, the executors of the Merriman estate sold the property to Richard Pomeroy of Otisco, New York. Mr. Pomeroy sent his son, Sylvester Pomeroy, and his son-in-law, Samuel Clark Pomeroy, to operate the store. Mr. Samuel C. Pomeroy left in 1842, and Mr. Sylvester Pomeroy died 4 July 1846, leaving the store once again without a proprietor.

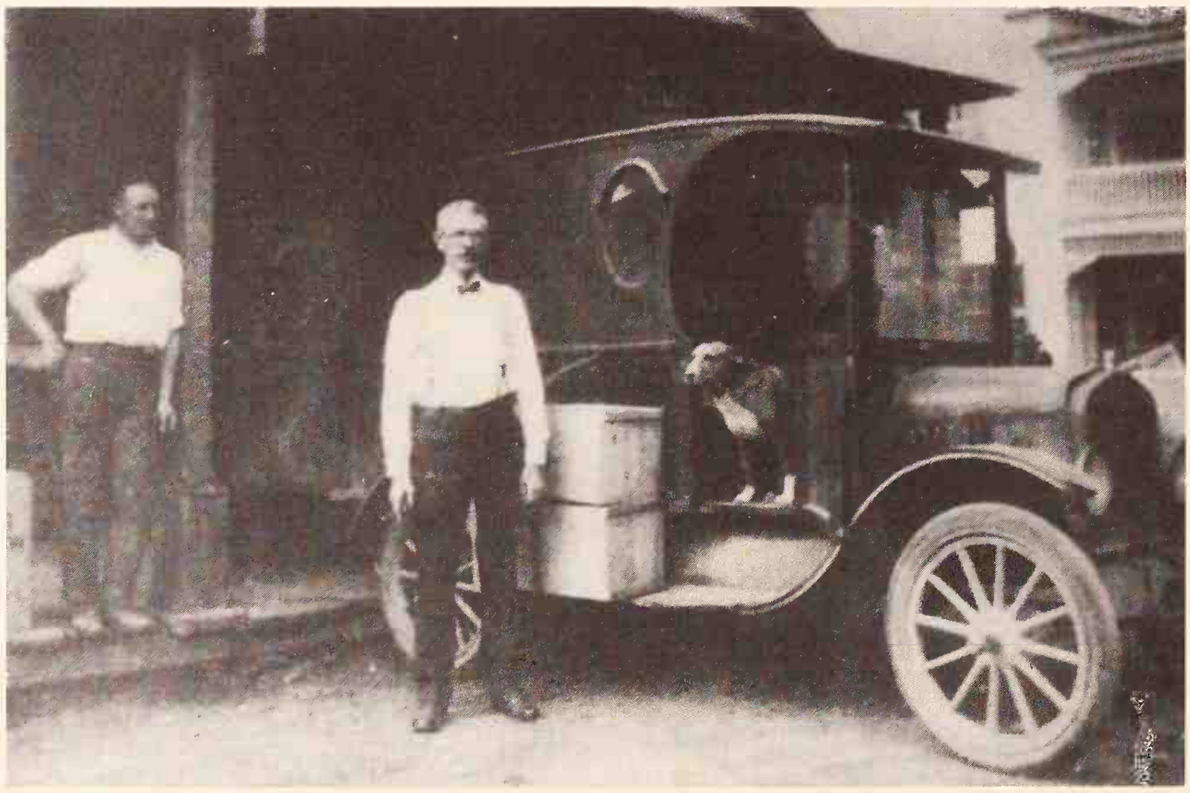
On 25 July 1846, Henry King Graves, brother-in-law to Richard Pomeroy, started operating the business, and he purchased it on 14 October 1846. Later Charles H. Graves entered the business with his father. In March 1877, George R. Wilson bought out Henry K. Graves's share, and with Charles H. Graves formed the firm of Graves and Wilson 1 April 1877. However, due to financial difficulties of the Graveses, Mr. Wilson dissolved the partnership in October 1877. Henry K. Graves died 1 January 1879, and on 26 September of that year, Charles H. Graves sold the property and business to his cousin, Alexander Pomeroy of Rochester, New York.

On 1 February 1881, the Graves property was sold by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pomeroy to George R. and Mary A. Wilson of Savannah, New York, for $5000.00. On 3 January 1881, George R. Wilson had purchased the stock of the store for $3560.33, and his eldest son, Gorham J. Wilson, formed a partnership with Viele Meade to conduct the business. The store business was conducted by members of the Wilson family until 1937 when George W. Wilson, who had become sole owner in 1921, retired and closed the store permanently. The firm names and proprietors during the years 1881-1937 were:

1881-1883 Meade & Wilson (Viele Meade & Gorham J. Wilson)
1883-1886 Wilson & Adams (Gorham J. Wilson & Ensign L. Adams)
1886-1897 Wilson & Mitchell (Gorham J. Wilson & Darwin P. Mitchell)
1898-1919 Wilson Brothers (Gorham J. Wilson & George W. Wilson)
1919-1922 George W. Wilson
1922-1924 Wilson & Parsons (George W. Wilson & George Parsons)
1924-1937 George W. Wilson

The Wilson Store was demolished in 1960 by the South Butler Fire Company who had purchased the property to erect a new fire hall. For a more detailed history see Gerald J. Parsons's manuscript entitled: "The History of the Wilson Store at South Butler, Wayne County, New York" (Syracuse, N.Y., 1948; revised 1959). A copy is in the collections of the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Onondaga County Public Library in Syracuse, New York.

THE WILSON STORE, SOUTH BUTLER, NEW YORK
AS IT APPEARED IN THE 1920S



GEORGE PARSONS AND GEORGE W. WILSON
AND THEIR DELIVERY TRUCK IN FRONT OF THE STORE
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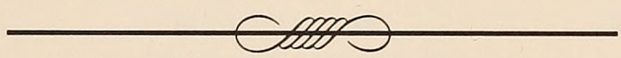

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